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World Series trophy on display here Saturday

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The World Series trophy is coming to Bethel Saturday in style.

"It's good to be the trophy," said Les Otten. "It gets a better travel deal than most elected officials."

The touring trophy travels, often by private jet, with an entourage that includes a security guard, travel coordinator and scheduler. And — at least while the triumphal tour is in Maine — with Otten, the former owner of Sunday River Ski Resort, and currently a minority owner of the World Champion Boston Red Sox.

The Maine tour is a constantly evolving affair, he said. It was initially envisioned to stop only in Portland, but in the face of high demand, several other stops have been added.

The trophy is expected to arrive at Telstar at 6:30 p.m., after stops earlier in the day at Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta and Lewiston.

It will be at the school for an hour, then move to the Phoenix House and Well restaurant in Newry, where it will be available for viewing until 10 p.m.

The viewing at Telstar will be set up so as to allow as many fans as possible to file by and have their picture taken with the trophy, Otten said — "So tell folks to bring their cameras, and be sure the batteries are fresh."

Otten said Tuesday he was unsure if any Red Sox team members would be in Maine Saturday, in part because of a conflict with a large card-signature show in Boston.

"Besides," he said, "the trophy is the most popular member of the team."

Golden tones of the season



The bands and choruses of Telstar high and middle schools presented their annual Winter Concert Tuesday evening. Here, Tom Coolidge leads the TMS chorus. (More photos, page 15). (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Owners of eyesore lots told to clean up by June or face legal action

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel selectmen are ratcheting up the pressure on property owners with unlicensed auto graveyards and junkyards.

Owners of four sites in town have been sent letters from the town attorney giving them until May 31 to clean the properties up or face legal action.

The action follows two earlier letters from Code Enforcement Officer Rich St. John, which did not result in satisfactory clean-up efforts.

The sites are the properties of Sidney Jones on Elm Street, Clayton Sweatt on West Bethel Road, Clifford Hill on Songo Pond Road and Larry Smith, also on Songo Pond Road.

A fifth site contacted by St. John was cleaned up.

The relatively distant deadline was set in recognition of the fact that winter has arrived.

"These nuisances will be out of sight pretty soon," said Dutch Dresser. "It unfortunately seems some spring date is probably the right thing."

However, fellow Selectman Reggie Brown argued for initiating legal action now, so the court could be forcing compliance by the end of mud season.

"If we don't," he predicted, "we're going to be sitting here a year from now having the same conversation."

Such sites are persistent problems — and persistent sources of complaints to select-

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Bethel officials call levy for sheriff's patrol unfair; consider legislative action

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel officials are concerned that town taxpayers are paying too much for coverage by the Oxford County Sheriff's Department — coverage that in fact goes largely to other towns in the county.

It's not clear, however, that there's much local officials can do about the situation, at least in the short term.

Eight county municipalities, including Bethel, pay for their own police departments.

The other 29 towns and townships in the county do not, and instead receive their primary coverage from the OCS.

But all 37 municipalities pay

the same level of county taxes (based on valuation), and this means that towns with their own police departments in effect subsidize coverage in towns that do not.

In Bethel's case that subsidy amounts to just under \$50,000 a year, according to calculations by Town Manager Scott Cole.

And that, the selectmen agreed last week, is basically unfair.

"It's a funding equity issue. We're being billed for something we don't get, and that doesn't seem right," Dutch

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Governor's tax proposal, plus new school-funding rules — double whammy on the way?

By ALISON ALOISIO

The governor's new tax-reduction proposal could mean increased school costs for SAD44 towns, a tighter school budget, or both, the School Board learned Monday.

Gov. John Baldacci's plan calculates a funding formula for each school system in Maine, Superintendent Dave Murphy told directors, instead of simply reimbursing them for budget funds previously spent.

It's part of the Essential Programs and Services (EPS) formula, which determines how much each district should be expected to spend to cover what the state deems are "essential" educational pro-

grams.

The state has calculated the district should spend \$7.1 million on those services, Murphy said.

But using the current dis-

Higher school taxes for some towns, and SAD44 budget cutbacks appear to loom.

trict budget to project next year's, the state said SAD44 would actually spend about \$8.4 million for those services, according to Murphy.

Under Baldacci's proposal, the state would pay its share of the district's budget for the

designated \$7.1 million, but not beyond.

That would leave a gap of \$1.3 million to be either made up locally or cut from the budget, or a combination of the two.

Statewide, Murphy said, about 100 districts are in the same situation as SAD44, while 100 are spending less than the calculation calls for, and 200 are spending close to it.

He said SAD44's higher expenditures relative to other districts could stem from its rural setting, which could generate more transportation costs. "It could be due to any number of budget decisions

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Firemen battle the cold

By ALISON ALOISIO

While the rest of us have been busy wrapping presents this season, area firefighters are wrapping houses.

They're shrink-wrapping windows and insulating drafty spots in homes as part of the Operation Keep ME Warm program.

The statewide effort set a goal of installing energy conservation measures in 3,000 homes during the second week of December.

People who are clients of the LIHEAP program, which provides heating assistance funds, were eligible to receive help buttoning up

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'Reindeer' are Christmas attraction at elk farm



TRAFFIC STOPPERS—Kevin Billings' elk are stopping traffic on Route 26 in West Paris this Christmas season. They're just what Santa ordered for local children who want to see "reindeer." (Photo: A. Aloisio)

By ALISON ALOISIO

They're not reindeer, but at Christmas time in Maine, they'll do.

Kevin Billings' elk farm sits right on Route 26 in West Paris, and this time of year, he gets plenty of kids and families stopping to see the "reindeer."

He doesn't bother to explain the distinction, at least not during December.

"On the weekends, we'll get hundreds of people stopping," he said. That includes many individual families, and now that 'tis the season, even busloads of skiers.

Other groups turn up, too. A camera club recently stopped by to practice their animal photography skills, he said.

A tame bunch

There are a total of 35 elk on Deer Meadow Farm. Nine of them are males, the most prominent of which is an 11-year-old bull with a large rack. He goes by the name of "Big Boy."

Billings has been raising the animals for three years. He sells them for meat and as breed stock.

He started with 18 animals and has built the herd to nearly double that number. In the spring, he expects another 16 calves.

The elk's natural range is the western U.S., although they were introduced into the wild in Pennsylvania, which now has a lottery hunt for them, Billings said.

In captivity, the elk have a lifespan of about 20 years.

He said his herd is one of the most tame he's ever seen. He walks easily among them, and some of the animals allow him to pet them briefly.

"I spend a lot of time with them — my wife says too much," said Billings.

The animals roam over 40 acres of penned-in space, through woods, fields, bogs and down to the Little Androscoggin River. "I think that's another reason why they're so relaxed, because they have room to roam," he said.

Not long ago, four elk escaped through the back

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Christmas For Children

The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$7,700 so far toward its goal of \$12,000

To be used to purchase toys for needy boys and girls. Contributions will be accepted through Christmas and may be mailed to:

The Bethel Rotary Club
Christmas for Children
PO BOX 471
Bethel, ME 04217

Requests for toys can be made up to December 20 at any SAD 44 school office, or mailed to the same address. All requests will be kept confidential.



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Crescent Park School
Presents:

When: Saturday,
December 18, 2004
Where: Crescent Park School
Time: Shows at 2 & 7pm
Ticket sales at door.

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Letters

GATHER ROUND THE CLOCK

To the Editor:

Since 1998 when the Bethel Historical Society first started the New Year's Bethel celebration, it has evolved through suggestions and comments to its present state. This year there are other changes, including an increased focus on children's activities, a contra dance, and community bell ringing.

From the beginning, the event was always conceived to be a genuine community, family, and chem-free affair and still continues in that tradition.

The venues this year are all new except for the always-popular State Street Traditional Jazz Band with its emphasis on authentic New Orleans jazz. Those who attended last year will undoubtedly recall the exceptional young trumpeter who made such a remarkable addition to this already outstanding band.

New venues this year include Michael Cooper, visual artist and mime; Norbert Twichell, Maine humorist; Hobohemians, father and daughter duo playing everything from bluegrass fiddle to contemporary favorites, and Ti'Acadie, contra dance band employing a variety of instruments with Quebecois, New England and old-time music from throughout the region.

There will also be the vesper service, children's crafts and dragon parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, food court, bonfire with marshmallow roasting, fireworks, and last but not least, a new event, community bell ringing.

We thought since the town received (thanks to the Bethel Rotary Club) the new clock opposite the Civil War soldier's monument at the corner of Mechanic, High and Main streets that it might be appropriate to invite everyone with a historic cow, sleigh, school or other type of bell to come and ring in the new year once the clock hits twelve midnight on Dec. 31. So come and join us in the Key Bank parking lot for the community bell ringing beginning around 11:45 p.m. on New Year's eve.

Let's start a new Bethel tradition and welcome 2005 while gathered around our new town clock.

Stan Howe

Executive Director, Bethel Historical Society

TRUE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

To the Editor:

As another Christmas season approaches, I am moved to write this letter.

What is happening in our society when employees of a large department store are told that they may no longer wish customers a Merry Christmas? They must now say "Happy holidays" instead.

In the mad rush of parties and shopping for the perfect gift, have we forgotten about the original perfect gift? The gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas Day.

For all of you who choose not to believe, that's your business, but please don't try to take Christ out of my Christmas, I just won't allow it. Go get your own holiday, call it Santa Claus Day.

In the words of an old Eddy Arnold carol:

"C is for the Christ Child, born upon this day.

H is for Herald Angels in the night/R means our Redeemer.

I means Israel/S is for the star that shone so bright.

T is for three Wise Men, they who traveled far.

M is for the manger where He Lay.

A's for All He stands for.

S means Shepherds came.

And that's why there's a Christmas Day!"

In the true spirit of the Season, Merry Christmas, One and All!

Kathy Jo Farren

West Bethel

HONEST AND DEPENDABLE

To the Editor:

There are some acrimonious ideas among people about used car salesmen. I would like to shine some light on a car dealership where honesty and decency are foremost.

My husband and I have gotten our cars from B and K Motors for quite some time. We have always been satisfied with the service and the vehicles.

Recently I ran into a "snag" with a vehicle I had gotten at B and K. While I won't give away all their secrets, Bud and Kerry Harlow went "above and beyond" to see that I remained a happy customer.

Bud and Kerry Harlow are honest, dependable and decent human beings. I have benefited from them time and again. As long as B and K sells cars, I'll be back.

Tricia Chappie

Bethel

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IN HONOR OF TOM WHEELER—A new state flag was raised last Thursday at the White Mountain National Forest's Evans Notch Ranger Station, in memory of Tom Wheeler, a 30-year employee of the Forest Service, who died last month. Wheeler's son Joe, second from right, was presented with a plaque certifying that the flag had flown over the Maine State Capitol. Others taking part were (from left) Harry Brauer and Emily Beers of the WMNF, state Rep Arlan Jodrey of Bethel, and Joe Cole and Joe Shimamura of the WMNF. (Photo: M. Daniels)

Patrol

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Dresser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen said.

"We're paying a ton of money for 28 towns to have police coverage. When you pay your tax bill on your house, you're paying for coverage in, say, Denmark."

Bethel officials are not the first to note the disparity.

"We're not alone," Cole said. The situation has been discussed at county budget meetings, he said, and "clearly there's a disparity between those who are paying for the service versus those who are receiving the service, but the whole trick is to change the legislation. ... If you want to see something different, you've got to change the law."

In an effort to get the law changed, the selectmen unanimously endorsed a Legislative proposal drafted by Cole, which calls for assigning 90 percent of the cost of OCSD patrol division to those towns that create the need.

The remaining 10 percent would be paid by the towns with police departments, in acknowledgement that those towns still make some use of some OCDS services, including dispatch, the jail, and backup by deputies.

"In no way is this intended to reflect any upset with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department," said Dresser. "Quite the contrary, the services they provide are very good."

Rather, he said, by endorsing the proposal the selectmen were "encouraging the Legislature to enact legislation that would change the funding structure for a portion of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department budget to better reflect the manner in which services are received."

Dresser said he also hoped that by taking the first step, Bethel "would become instrumental in helping other communities wrestle with the same question."

Hard sell ahead

But while the proposal would save money for towns with their own police department, it would raise taxes in the towns without.

"It won't be an easy sell," predicted state Rep. Arlan Jodrey (R-Bethel) who attended last week's selectmen's meeting.

As for the chances for success in the Legislature, Jodrey said, "You're going to have to have a good consensus from the other commu-

nities if you're going to get anywhere."

Selectman Reggie Brown said that despite the inequity of the current situation, taxpayers in towns that stand to pay more under the proposal "would be crazy to vote for this."

But Dresser said Tuesday that he had discussed the matter with a number of legislators following last week's meeting and been encouraged by their responses.

He said he was unsure if a bill would be filed for the current legislative session, "for largely political reasons."

"When this issue makes it to the Legislature it will be hotly debated by those who stand to reduce their tax obligation and those who stand to have their tax obligations increased," Dresser said.

"We will be more likely to find legislative sponsorship for a bill to resolve this apparent inequity after we have held this debate among the municipal officers and citizens of Oxford County."

"These sorts of issues provide intriguing glimpses into the differences between the idealizations and realities of democracy," Dresser said.

Clean up

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men.

"Almost every day someone mentions 'the messes in town,'" said Selectman Stan Howe. "We have to at least try to do something about it."

Brown noted that the selectmen had a legal responsibility to address the problems.

"We're breaking state law by allowing them to do it," he said.

Definitions

Maine law describes an

"Automobile graveyard" as a yard, field or other outdoor area used to store three or more unregistered or uninspected motor vehicles, or parts of the vehicles. "Automobile graveyard" includes an area used for automobile dismantling, salvage and recycling operations.

A "junkyard" is a yard, field or other outside area used to store, dismantle or otherwise handle:

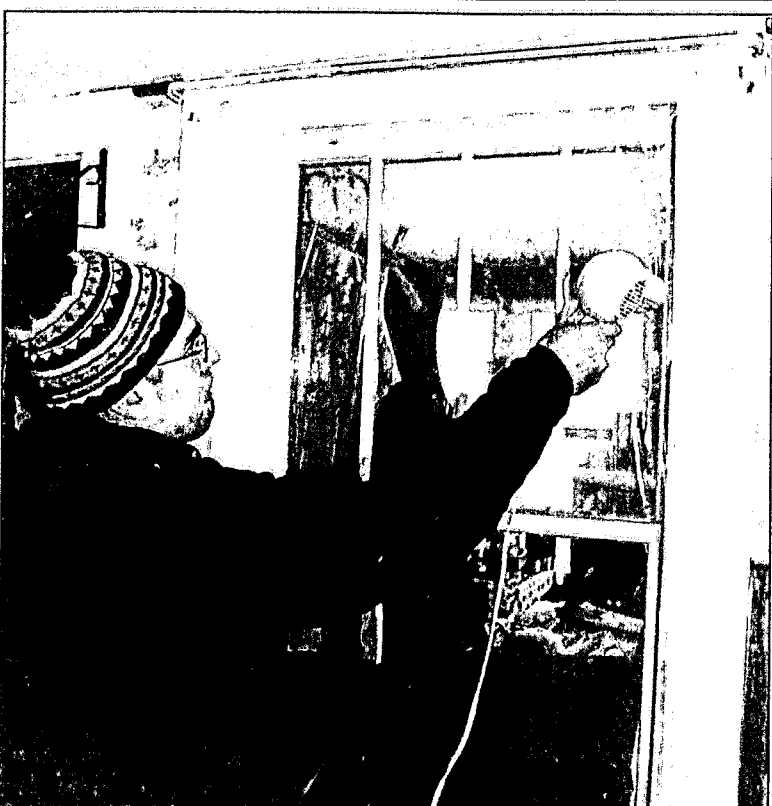
--Discarded, worn-out or junked plumbing, heating supplies, electronic or industrial equipment, household appliances or furniture.

--Discarded, scrap and junked lumber.

--Old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber debris, waste and all scrap iron, steel and other scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.

Cold

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KEEPING THE COLD AIR OUT—On Sunday a dozen Bethel firefighters volunteered their time to install weatherization materials in area homes eligible for heating assistance funding. Here Ken Paquette uses a hair dryer to seal shrink wrap over a porch window. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

their homes for winter.

The Home Depot provided, at a discounted rate, weatherization kits that contain door, window and pipe insulation and six compact fluorescent light bulbs. The kits are valued at \$50 each. Each is estimated to save about \$80 a year in heating.

The labor to install them is voluntary, and volunteer fire departments are doing much of the work.

On Sunday, a dozen Bethel firefighters made the rounds to eight houses, from West Bethel to East Bethel.

They started at 8 a.m., finishing the last house at 3 p.m.

"Everything went fine, and everyone was very happy with the work," said Mike Jodrey, assistant chief.

The last homeowner showed her appreciation by making fudge for the volunteers.

Bethel had the largest number of eligible people in the area. Woodstock had two, West Paris three, and Andover, Greenwood and Newry one each.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN

10 years ago: More than 200 attended a flag raising that kicked off the initial construction phase of the \$25 million Bethel Station development on Cross Street.

Newry selectmen were open to a possibility of a move of the Newry post office from Newry Corner to a location at the town office. (Later the post office was relocated to a site on the Sunday River Road.)

Jack Frost Ski Shop of Newry was voted one of the 50 top ski shops in the country by readers of Snow Country magazine.

Bethel Savings Bank announced the addition of Roger Conant, assistant vice president, Lending.

Births: Hannah Elizabeth Ryerson.

Deaths: Frances Rose Heath, Merton W. Blood.

20 years ago: Bethel selectmen were setting up a schedule to interview four candidates for the position of town manager.

A surprise retirement party was held for Charlie Keoskie, who was retiring Dec. 31 after 28 years at Newton and Tebbets, West Bethel.

Storyteller Joe Perham of West Paris was guest at a luncheon meeting of the Bethel Rotary Club.

U.S. Senator George Mitchell held a listening session at the Bethel fire station.

30 years ago: Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" was presented at Telstar Regional High School.

Pfc. John Currier was attending cooking school and receiving on-the-job training at the U.S. Marine Corps base, Parris Island, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fox and son, Amos, portrayed the Holy Family at the annual Living Nativity Pageant.

Dean A. Murphy, Navy Radioman Third Class, was serving with Commander Submarine Group Eight in Naples, Italy.

40 years ago: Sheriff-elect L.C. "Bud" Horton announced that Alton Howe of Bethel was among deputy sheriffs to be appointed at midnight on Dec. 31.

Pvt. Raymond D. Harrington had been assigned to Fort Dix, N.J., for eight weeks of basic training.

Evans Notch District, White Mountain National Forest, was scheduled to move their headquarters from Norway to their new building on Routes 2 and 26, Bethel.

Portraying the Three Wise Men at the annual Living Nativity Pageant were Roland Glines, Lawrence Davis and James Fiske.

Births: Richard Douglas Hutt, Kevin Mark Tuttle, Laurie Ann Hart.

50 years ago: Elaine Cushman of Woodstock and Robert Coolidge of Bethel were among 16 4-Hers attending a State Contest at the University of Maine in Orono.

Keith Bartlett was leaving on a nine-month tour around the world aboard the aircraft carrier USS Midway.

Sam T. Smith, Deputy District Governor of Lions International, had completed two weeks of more or less continuous official visitations of Lions clubs in Western Maine.

Birth: Diane Lee Hunt.

Deaths: Arthur J. Parker, Mrs. Gertrude P. Stone, Mrs. Selma J. Sanborn.

60 years ago: Ten inches of ice was reported at Songo Pond.

70 years ago: Oscar Judkins had resigned as superintendent of schools in Upton, to accept a better position.

T.F. Vail was employed at the Hollywood Hotel, Southern Pines, N.C.

80 years ago: Prof. W.R. Chapman directed the performance of "The Messiah" at the Portland City Hall.

Miss Esther Tyler was teaching at Morse High School, in Bath.

Gould Academy defeated Groveton 44-20 in a fast game of basketball.

90 years ago: Bethel Inn, open the year round, served a special Christmas dinner.

100 years ago: Cora Farwell, a Colby College student, completed a successful term of teaching.

Edward Carter was logging in Jefferson, N.H.

Death: Fred Morgan.

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Briefly

Candidate pleads guilty

PARIS — An unsuccessful candidate for the Maine State Senate seat in District 14, has pled guilty to drug and firearm related charges. Julia Justin St. James, 44, of Hartford was convicted of marijuana cultivation and charges of criminal forfeiture regarding a handgun and shotgun. She was sentenced to six months in county jail (all suspended) and six months probation. In last month's election, St. James ran as a Fourth Branch party candidate. She placed third, behind the winner, incumbent state Sen. Bruce Bryant (D-Dixfield) and challenger Rob Cameron (R-Rumford).

Bill Koch X-C Ski Team

BETHEL — This Saturday, Dec. 18, the Bethel Bill Koch Cross-country Ski Program will meet at the Sunday River Inn at 10 to 12 a.m. The program is open to youngsters old enough to ski through age 13. It is also a free community ski day at the Sunday River Inn Cross Country Ski Center, so parents are encouraged to come out and get some skiing in themselves. The ski program is sponsored by the Bethel Outing Club, which promotes Nordic skiing in the area.

Deer kill less than projected

AUGUSTA — Preliminary numbers show Maine's deer kill topped last year's but still fell short of expectations, officials said Thursday. Preliminary data indicates the deer kill will be in the vicinity of 32,000, which would be an increase of 6 percent over last year's 30,313. Nonetheless, that's 11 percent lower than the projected kill of 35,800, officials said. Deer harvests were up 20 percent in northern and eastern Maine, and were on par with last year's numbers in southern and western Maine, said Gerry Lavigne, deer biologist from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. There was a decline in some central Maine areas where doe permits had been issued in recent years to thin out the deer population, Lavigne said. Weather conditions were good, but not as good as last year, officials said. The first two weeks were cool and dry but crunchy leaves alerted deer to the presence of hunters, officials said. There was snow later in the season in northern Maine, helping hunters track deer. Overall, state biologists noted fewer hunters in the woods during the general firearm season, which ran from Oct. 30 to Nov. 27.

Living Nativity Sunday

BETHEL — The annual Living Nativity will take place Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. on the Bethel common. Following the Nativity (at about 6 p.m.), presentations of "Signs of Christmas" and "Three Wise Men and a Baby" will take place at the Nazarene Church on Church Street.

Palm tree recovered here

HEL — A yellow, 18-foot-tall imitation palm tree that was stolen last month from a lawn in Harrison was recovered from a basement in Bethel, according to Capt. Bill Rhoads of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. The theft of the palm was the subject of television and other media coverage both within and outside of Maine. The tree, valued at nearly \$3,000, was reportedly stolen one night as a prank by teenagers. The thieves drove the palm to Bethel in the back of a pickup truck, and stashed it in a friend's basement. When the tree's value appeared in news reports, someone placed a call to the owner, Beverly Maxfield, trying to make a deal to return it. Maxfield hung up without reaching an agreement (she received the phone call around midnight). Sheriff's investigators then interviewed students at Oxford Hills High School, where they got information that led them to the tree in Bethel. Wayne Warren, 18, of Waterford was arrested. A 17-year-old, also from Waterford, was also charged. Because of the value of the tree, the youths face felony theft charges. Maxfield said she hoped the teens would have to perform some sort of community service. The tree has been returned to her. "She has the tree back, but it needs some repairs," said Rhoads.

Transfer station open Christmas

WEST PARIS — The West Paris Transfer Station will be open on Christmas Day, which falls this year on a Saturday. In a reversal of normal weekend hours, the station will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26. The switch was proposed by attendant David Billings, who said he was willing to work on the holiday. The longer hours on Sunday will provide more time for people to dispose of the other waste that accumulates at Christmas, according to Wade Rainey, chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The Tri-town Transfer Station in Bethel will be closed Christmas and open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Greenstock Transfer Station in Locke Mills will also be closed Christmas Day and open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Boxing Day.

New deputies in budget

PARIS — The Oxford County Sheriff's Department will have the funds to hire three new deputies on July 1. Sheriff Skip Herrick's request for funding for three new hires was initially rejected by the commissioners, who voted to instead to hire only one. But the county budget Committee later approved (5-4) funding to hire three as of July 1.

Another big box in the works

OXFORD — A major retailer has expressed interest in land along Route 26, north of Wal-Mart. According to a published report, Code Enforcement Officer Rodney Smith has said preliminary survey work has been conducted, and he expects plans to be presented to the Planning Board in a matter of month. The retailer was unnamed.

Cats need homes for Christmas

NORWAY — Responsible Pet Care hopes to place up to 100 cats and kittens in homes between now and Jan. 2. There are currently about 80 cats available. The effort is part of the national "Home 4 the Holidays" program, organized by the Helen Woodward Animal Center in California. The Norway shelter charges a \$70 adoption fee, which covers spaying or neutering, vaccinations and a free vet visit. But, said volunteers at the shelter, anyone giving a cat as a gift should make sure the recipient can have a feline. References are checked before animals leave the shelter. For more information call 743-8679.

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NOTICE

The temporary and selectively permitted use of my driveway for access to the property on Walker's Mountain owned or once owned by Mr. Tibbetts is ended now that Mr. Tibbetts has constructed his own road. David Oakes Chandler Hill December 7, 2004

From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Dec. 14

At 6:59 a.m. Chief Alan Carr and Officer Ovide Richard responded to an accident on the East Bethel Road. The vehicle was on its side in the ditch, up against a utility pole.

Saturday, Dec. 11

At 1:19 a.m. Officer Ovide Richard responded to the Access Road at Sunday River to assist a county deputy with a rollover accident. The deputy arrested the driver for OUI.

At 11:41 a.m. Officer Charles Taylor responded to a two-vehicle property damage accident on Philbrook Street.

At 12:49 p.m. Officer Charles Taylor responded to the North Road for a two-vehicle accident.

At 3:06 p.m. Officer Charles Taylor responded to a two-vehicle accident on Route 2.

At 10 p.m. Officer Harry Sims received a report of several juveniles, in possession of alcohol, visiting the area. The officer later stopped them in a vehicle on the Songo Pond Road. A firecracker and cigarettes were confiscated, and a member of the juvenile driver's family was contacted.

Thursday, Dec. 9

At 2:20 p.m. a caller reported that a vehicle that traveled Vernon Street each morning was regularly driving too fast, and requested police patrol the area.

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With heating oil prices creeping ever higher, more and more Mainers are dusting off the old wood stove and hatchet in hopes of a little cheap heat this winter.

Before striking that first match, however, we would do well to look at the environmental costs and benefits of wood burning.

Unlike coal, oil, natural gas and propane, sustainably harvested wood is considered a renewable source; as long as we replenish what we cut and maintain forest health, we will always have wood to burn.

Wood also adds no net carbon dioxide (CO₂), a greenhouse gas implicated in global climate change, to the atmosphere; wood spent its life as a tree absorbing CO₂, so the CO₂ emitted when it burns is still part of the carbon cycle.

Despite these environmental benefits, however, burning wood can cause real pollution problems indoors and out.

Wood smoke contains high levels of fine particulates (soot), mercury, dioxin and other toxic air pollutants. Luckily, there are steps we can all take to make sure our stoves burn more efficiently, reducing pollution and cost.

The first thing to do, no matter what kind of fuel heats your home, is to weatherize with insulation, weather stripping, caulk and storm windows. Weatherization keeps your heat inside instead of helping to warm up the neighborhood. A tight house also helps reduce the amount of fuel you burn.

Selecting the right wood stove is the next step. Newer wood stoves meet strict federal (EPA) emissions standards through the use of a catalytic combustor or recirculation of gases and particulates. Look for a sticker on the stove that indicates it's EPA-certified and for information on heat output and efficiency. A more efficient stove will pollute less and save money on fuel in the long run.

Picking a wood stove size correctly for the area it will heat will increase efficiency and reduce emissions. A wood stove that is too large will have to be damped down, creating more pollution from inefficient combustion and increasing dangerous creosote build-up.

Proper operation and maintenance will keep your stove running clean and safe.

For a clean, efficient burn, build a small, hot fire with hardwood that has been air-dried for at least six months. Small fires burn volatile gases more quickly, reducing safety hazards and air quality problems. The optimum temperature range for gases leaving the stove should range from about 300 to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. A simple, inexpensive stack thermometer that sticks to the stovepipe with a magnet will help to monitor the exit gas temperature.

Keeping the stove clear of excess ash prevents clogging of the stove's intake vents that supply needed oxygen. Once or twice per year clean the stovepipe and inspect the stove and chimney for warping, gaps in the baffle and creosote build-up.

Replace catalytic combustors every two to three years.

Go ahead and snuggle up in that warm, cozy heat from the wood stove. And rest assured that with the right stove, seasoned wood and good operation and maintenance practices your wood heat isn't giving someone else a bad air day.

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Elk

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fence. "I had them back within an hour," said Billings. On other farms, a taste of freedom would likely mean the animals were gone for good, he said.

Other farmers often raise their animals feed-lot-style in a very small space, Billings said. "I didn't want to do it that way. That's why I took a long time to build the fencing," he said.

While Christmas seems to be the most popular time of the year to elk watch, people stop all year round. Billings also takes people on tours around the farm, driving them out to the back part of the field in his truck to see the calves in the spring.

And during the summer months, buses bringing people north for moose watching often stop on their way home.

It's one place, said Billings, the tour driver can guarantee a large-animal sighting.

'BIG BOY,' an 11-year-old bull presides over a herd of three dozen elk at Kevin Billings' Deer Meadow Farm in West Paris.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

MDOT

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that have been made over the years," he said.

SAD44's \$7.1 million allotment is also expected to cover funding for gifted and talented services and foreign languages in the lower grades, programs the district itself does not yet fully fund, Murphy said. Those programs are mandated by the state.

In addition, the state may also stipulate districts use EPS funds for new requirements, such as providing more services for K-2 pupils. Murphy said money the dis-

trict wants to raise beyond the state-designated amount would have to be voted upon as a separate referendum question.

He also said the school funding referendum approved in June, which calls for the state to pay 55 percent of education funding would now be based on the EPS calculation — not on the funding formula in place when voters went to the polls.

The governor's tax proposal calls for phasing in the full 55 percent over several years.

LD1924 implications

Another measure, LD1924, will deal a financial blow to four out of the five SAD44 member towns, Murphy said.

The bill changed the cost-sharing formula within school districts.

Currently, a town's share of the pie is based entirely on its valuation.

Under the new formula, a town's student enrollment also becomes a factor.

That favors Newry, with its large valuation and small student population.

But it also would shift more of the burden to the other four towns in the district.

Murphy said that while the district would gain some funds as the 55 percent formula is implemented, the combination of all the funding changes would still leave at least four towns paying more to sustain a status quo budget.

With those implications, said Murphy, "there's no question we're going to be left with some difficult budget decisions to make."

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Yummy Christmas Morning Breakfast Ideas

Honeyed Canadian Bacon

This really rounds out a special breakfast. It truly is a great addition to any hearty country meal.

1/2 cup raisins
1 3/4 cup cider
1/3 cup honey
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3/4 teaspoon dry mustard
6 slices Canadian bacon
6 slices pineapple

Combine raisins and cider and simmer for 10 minutes. Add honey. Combine cornstarch and mustard and stir into cider mixture and cook another 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Bake bacon in shallow baking pan in 350 degree oven until done, usually 30 minutes if slices are half-inch thick; adjust time accordingly. During the last 15 minutes of baking, remove from the oven and place a pineapple slice on each piece of Canadian bacon. Pour sauce over all and return to the oven. Serves 6.

Cinnamon Swirls

Best warm from the oven with an icy glass of milk.

8 oz. tube refrigerated crescent rolls
2 tablespoons margarine, softened
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Unroll crescent roll dough and separate in 4 rectangles. Press seams to seal; spread margarine over dough. Mix together cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle evenly over rectangles. Press walnuts into cinnamon-sugar mixture. Roll up jelly roll style, starting with long side; press edges to seal. Cut each log into 5 slices. Place into a lightly greased 8 inch round cake pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 12 minutes or until golden on top. Combine powdered sugar, milk and vanilla, stirring until smooth and drizzle over warm rolls. Makes 20 rolls.

Judy Jenkins, Knoxville, TN

Sausage-Filled Crêpes

Enjoy with a tall glass of freshly squeezed orange juice!

3 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon oil
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 lb. ground sausage, browned
1/4 cup onion, diced
1 1/2 cups pasteurized process cheese spread, shredded
3 oz. package cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup butter

Whisk together eggs, milk and oil. Stir in flour and salt; mixing well. Lightly grease a 5" or 7" skillet and place on medium-high heat. Using a ladle or small cup, spoon in about 2 tablespoons of batter, then quickly tilt the pan to coat the bottom. The batter should be in a thin layer. Cook 3 to 4 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown and lift up easily. Turn it with a spatula and cook the second side, for only 3 to 4 minutes. Place crêpe on a plate, cover to keep warm and repeat with remaining batter. Combine sausage, onion, cheese, and cream cheese until well blended. Place 2 tablespoons of sausage mixture down the center of each crêpe, roll up and place in a greased 13"x9" baking dish. Bake, covered at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. In a small mixing bowl, combine sour cream and butter; spoon over crêpes. Uncover and bake an additional 5 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Renae Reu, Luverne, MN

Christmas Morning Casserole

Ready to bake in only 15 minutes, so you can get back to all the Christmas morning fun!

20 oz. package frozen hash browns, thawed
4 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
2 cups cooked ham, diced
7 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground mustard

Place hash browns in a greased 13"x9" baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and ham; set aside. Beat eggs, milk, salt and mustard together; pour over ham. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for one hour. Uncover and bake and additional 15 minutes or until golden. Makes 8 servings.

Kelly Hoefer, Bellevue, NE

Citrus Mimosa

Makes the champagne go a little further!

1 cup prepared strawberry daiquiri mix
6 oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
6 oz. cold water
3/4 cup fresh grapefruit juice
1/3 cup frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
3 tablespoons frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
1 bottle champagne, chilled
thin orange slices, halved

Combine prepared daiquiri mix, orange juice concentrate, water, grapefruit juice, lemonade and limeade concentrate in a pitcher or bowl. Stir until well combined. Cover and chill. To serve, pour the chilled juice mixture into eight ice-filled glasses, filling each glass half full. Pour an equal amount of the chilled champagne into each glass. Garnish with orange slice halves. Makes 8 6 ounce servings. Note: For an non-alcoholic drink, substitute chilled carbonated water for champagne.



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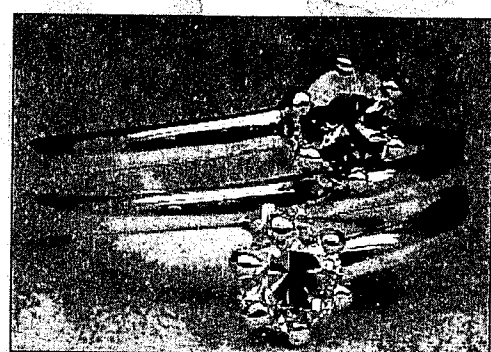
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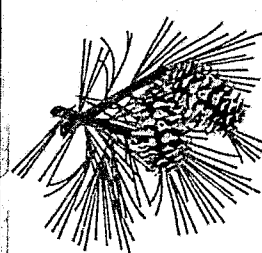


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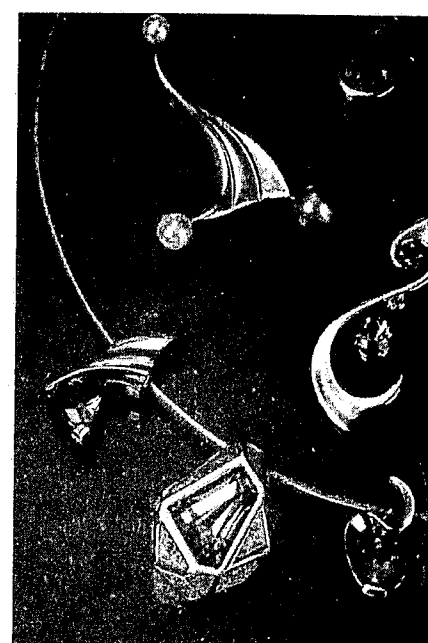
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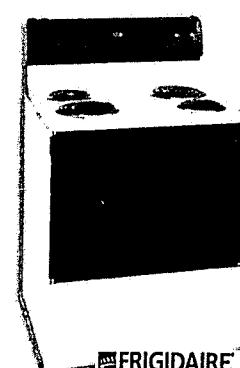
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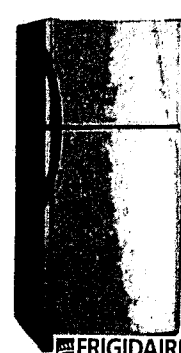


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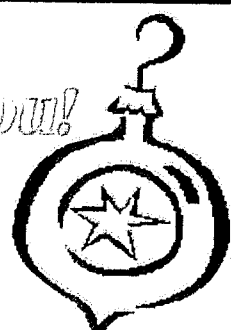
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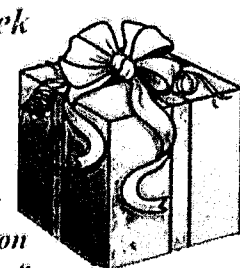
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Bethel



by Virginia Keniston
Bill and Ki Clough visited briefly with several friends in town last Thursday on their way to Freeport to baby-sit with their grandchildren.

Cross Country Quilters met on Tuesday at the home of Lee Barth on Paris Hill for a Christmas get-together and lunch.

The Annual Conference was held at the Methodist Church this past week.

Rachel McKnight of Jericho, Yt., spent the weekend with her parents, Bob and Ginny Keniston.

Don Ferrero of New Bedford, Mass., spent a few days this past week with Bud and Mary Paine.

Bud and Mary Paine were at Dick Paine's in Auburn over the weekend. Mary was honored at a birthday dinner with guests Eleanor Truitt, Terry, Jo and Stephanie DeFillipp and Elaine Jacques.

Mike, Kathy and Nora Davis helped Amy Davis set up and decorate her Christmas tree on Saturday.

The Mollycodd aquacize group met at Ann Morton's on Monday.

Two books titled "Character Building Stories for Children" and "Children's Stories from the Life of Christ" were recently donated to the Methodist Church Sunday School. The donation was made in memory of Bill and Ethel Ward. Members of the congregation can volunteer to be a guest reader during any of the Sunday School classes that begin at 9:30 a.m. All children are welcomed. Sunday School director is Rebecca Carter.

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge played Friday at the Fare Share Commons. Winners were: first, Dick Allen and Pete Cummings; second, Les Buzzell and Woody Mercie; third, Eleanor Griffin and Jim Dickens; fourth, Marta Clements and Nancy Farmer. Dec. 17 will be the year-end Holiday game.

All bridge players are most welcome. A partner is guaranteed There will be no game Dec. 24 or 31.

Gilead



by Lin Chapman

I received an e-mail from Earlene and Lewis Clough, and this is what they wrote:

"Here is an open letter to the people of Gilead: 27 years ago Earlene and I purchased a parcel of land in Gilead. We arrived there unannounced to our new neighbors and began building a winter haven to enjoy and use as a base for skiing. During these years we were blessed with a warm and friendly relationship with our new neighbors. I cannot begin to tell you how wonderful it has been. We have watched their children grow and loved them as dearly as our own. The youngest was eight months old when we arrived. Where else but in Gilead could you arrive in a snowstorm and have the end of your drive all cleared so you can get off the road, and a path cleared to your porch. Someone to check the heat and to reset the thermostat when it was set askew by a power interruption. To give you a call if something went wrong. To share their pets as if they were your own. To sit and chat with out by an open fire. We shall miss Gilead, but most of all we shall miss these wonderful neighbors, Mac McLain and his family. Mac is a quiet man, very laid back and easy going, but the warmest and truest friend a person could ever have. Thank you so much for a rewarding and fulfilling 27 years of our lives. With great affection, Earlene & Lewis Clough"

Lise McLain, Aline Dupont and Andre Dupont attended a mass this past weekend at the Holy Family Church in Gorm, N.H. The mass was in honor of their mother, Edna Dupont.

News of the Gilead Historical Society is traveling. Besides the state of Maine, we have received dues for memberships from Shillington, Pa., Burlington, Conn., and Bainbridge Island, Wash. There is still time to become a Charter Member if dues are received before Dec. 31. You can reach me at the same contact information as this column.

There are only a few more shopping days to Christmas. I needed a few last-minute presents, so Hugh and I checked out a few shops on Main Street in Bethel. There are lots of great things to choose from. We also went to the Gift Shop at the Bethel Historical Society to check out their selection of books on history of the area.

Need to hear from more Gilead residents with news. Give me a call at 836-2987 or e-mail me at chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by Eleanor LeComte
The hills and valleys of Upton are covered with snow. The lake is now a sea of white.

Occasionally a fox will cross the ice to get to the other side, but the ice is not thick enough to support a heavier body. Although the snow is lovely to behold, driving is not for the faint hearted. Plows and sanders have been quite busy over the weekend. Winter will not begin for another week and already thoughts of spring are in our hearts. "Think Snow, Think Spring." Take your pick. It's your call.

The deer have not yet appeared on the scene. They are late. I believe there are a few logging operations in the area and the critters are filling up on salad before the big meal. Plans are afoot to feed them further into the forest to lessen the impact on the present feeding grounds.

Walt and Liz have returned from a cruise in the Caribbean. They were delighted to see Upton covered with snow and their driveway a sheet of ice. Welcome to the real world.

Eileen and Bill Casey have been babysitting the Casey girls while Paul and Jennifer attend a Wildlife Conference out of state.

The Ladies Aid Jenkins Fund Christmas Party was held on Saturday, Dec. 11. A big thank you to Dick Angevine, who did a super job of clearing out the very wet and heavy snow. A capacity crowd attended and enjoyed hearing the children give their presentations and performances. Elissa Dyer read a Christmas poem; Chris-

tine Bisson held her little brother, John Douglass, in her arms to do their presentation; the Casey girls, Jessica and Caitlyn, sang Christmas songs together and Jessica played Christmas carols on the keyboard; Jerry Kenney and her daughter, Jamie, "emceed" and did a great job. Lionel Roy from Berlin led the group in Christmas carols while Joe DeRose accompanied him on the keyboard. Every voice was heard. Some were a little off key but very enthusiastic. Santa arrived to the tune of "Here Comes Santa Claus." Santa had to plow the area earlier in the day in order to land his sleigh in front of the church.

Simonne Lavallee received applause for her hard work and organization over the years. The Ladies Aid members were also praised for continuing a long Christmas tradition in Upton.

Ernest and Alberta Angevine, Jeanette and Lionel Roy, Ruby Kulpa and others traveled long distances to attend. We thank them.

Ernest related a story of Christmas Past in Upton which was enjoyed by all. The church and the Ladies Aid Building have been the scene of many Christmas parties over the years, thanks to Mr. Jenkins and a number of other caring people. It's not Rockefeller Center — it's better.

Sue Hibbard reports the Snowmobile Bridge at Pople Dam is being repaired by club members. It washed out in the heavy rains of November. These hardy folks are to be commended for their tenacity and work to make the trails better.

The pole barn at the Transfer Station has been completed.

Since we are inundated with pine siskins, the little creatures will be the "Bird of the Week."

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Nancy Kimball, Mary Smith, Roger and Louise Twitchell, Millie Jackson,

Dot Bartlett and Nancy Mercer attended the Bethel Senior Citizens Club Christmas Party at the Bethel Inn on Dec. 8.

Jack and Lucy Nordahl were

cross-country skiing on Dec. 12 at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center at Middle Intervale. They reported the skiing was great.

On Dec. 11, Jack and Lucy Nordahl attended the Portland Stage Theater production of "A Christmas Carol." It had a slightly different twist than Mr. Dickens' story.

Neil and Linda Olson attended a banquet honoring Fay Vincent on Oct. 3, in Greenwich, Conn., at the Hyatt Regency, with Bob Costas as the MC.

Neil and Linda Olson hosted a Thanksgiving dinner with Craig and Carrie Aube and family of Falmouth and Eric and Jill Mills of Oxford as guests.

Richard and Pat Kimball have a new great-granddaughter, Nancy Ashburnier, born on Dec. 9.

Richard and Pat Kimball had Thanksgiving dinner with Keith and Penny Savage and family in Bryant Pond.

Florence Hastings had Thanksgiving dinner with George and Ginny Gamble.

Jean Grover had her turkey with Jim and Dawn Grover.

I really screwed up last week; all the dates for the Grange meetings were wrong. No wonder they were all canceled.

Have a nice week. God Bless the Troops.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

This week we have a plethora of goldfinches at the feeder. I counted one flock at around

fifty, and Mike says he has seen an even greater number. Of course, there are also lots of chickadees, the occasional titmouse, several nuthatches, droves of doves, and both hairy and downy woodpeckers. And just when we thought we were free of red squirrels, one showed up the other day. Probably won't be long until they start multiplying again. Ah, well, I guess all the critters have a right to be here.

Friday's 3-1/2 inches of heavy, wet snow provided a perfect surface for cross-country skiing along the West Branch in Mason on Saturday. There were a few "fords" to be negotiated along the road,

but our first ski of the year felt just great, especially on the return trip when we had our own tracks to ski in. Mike skied again on Sunday on the Mud City Road, but found it quite icy, great for Jake the Lab, but treacherous for his master. Another six inches of powder would set things up perfectly.

Colleen Boyd and Jane Hosterman shared the ride to join about 45 other members of Bethel Senior Citizens at the Bethel Inn last Wednesday night. It was the group's annual Christmas meeting, and a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Saturday night at the West Bethel Union Church was a fellowship potluck supper. After dinner while the adults did clean-up chores, the youngsters went upstairs to trim the Christmas tree, which was provided by Danny Grover. The ornaments seemed to cluster mostly on the lower part of the tree — probably because the decorators were not tall enough to reach the upper branches. I'm told that in the past some adults tried to "rearrange" the ornaments for a more even distribution and were met by cries of, "Where's my decoration?" So now well enough is left alone, and the tree is uniquely charming.

On a very sad note, we extend deepest sympathy to Linda Westleigh and her family on the death of her sister, Donna Gray. Donna had been quite ill, but had made a good recovery and was back at home. However, she was hospitalized again last Wednesday and suffered a fatal heart attack the next day at the age of 56. Cremation was Monday, and graveside services will be held in East Vassalboro this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda at this difficult time.

I hope that all you neighbors are further along than I am in holiday preparations. The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas always seems way too short for me. And I refuse to start working on Christmas before I've finished with Halloween and Thanksgiving. I think the Canadians have it right, with Thanksgiving in October.

Still hoping to hear from you with news. You can reach me at 836-3011 or dhoeh@megalink.net.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department

Some of you may be familiar with the comic strip "Rose is Rose." It's a cute comic strip about a mom, a dad, a little boy and a cat dealing with everyday family life. Rose, the mom and namesake of the strip, goes to her "let it be" tree to lean against when things become a bit overwhelming or out of her control.

I think that's a great idea and certainly a lot cheaper than therapy. So, I have designated a certain Canadian glider in my livingroom as my own personal "let it be" chair. I have been spending a lot of time there lately.

As wonderful and special as the holiday season is, it can also be a pretty stressful time. Many of us can become overwhelmed by all of it.

In years past I have had the insane notion that it was my responsibility to make Christmas perfect for everyone in the family whether they wanted it that way or not. I had some kind of Martha Stewart complex going on that was a blueprint for stress. This year, whenever I feel the inclination to make everyone "holiday happy" no matter what, I go rock in my "let it be" chair.

Amazingly, everyone in the family seems to be doing quite well getting into the spirit of the holiday without me orchestrating their joy. Imagine that!

I have never thought of myself as a controlling person, but, at least with Christmas, I guess I go a bit overboard with running the show.

In past years I drove the family crazy in my quest for the perfect tree. I drove myself crazy attempting to decorate it like some magnificent sculpture out of a magazine. And, to what end? I had the most beautiful tree for a day or two before the cats and kids got to it. Then there would be the water I would spill all over the presents because the darn tree

was so thick and loaded with decorations that I couldn't get to the stand.

With just a little over a week to go before the big day I don't even have a tree yet. So, here I sit in my "let it be" chair just rocking and thinking. Thinking maybe I'll let the grandkids pick out my tree and maybe I'll even let them decorate it too. It is, after all, a symbol of the season, not a work of art. I think I'll just let it be.

... I have had the insane notion that it was my responsibility to make Christmas perfect for everyone

For years I have leaped tall buildings in a single bound to put on the best gosh darn Christmas Eve buffet you've ever seen. I would make sweet and sour meatballs, cocktail weiners, chicken wings, chips, dips, cheeses, eggnog, and one incredible New York-style cheesecake.

As if that wasn't enough, Christmas dinner has always been under my direction too. Only, I've never been good at directing others, so the roast beef, baked ham, potatoes, gravy, veggies, rolls and five different pies were done by me. Not to mention the cookies, candy and cakes made throughout the season.

Everyone has always enjoyed these massive feasts but me. I always end up too exhausted to appreciate my own efforts.

My son came to me and asked if my feelings would be hurt if we had pizza on Christmas Eve. He said he and his sister felt it would be so much easier on everyone, especially the kids, if we simplified things and they would be able to go home and get the little ones to bed at a decent hour.

That had me running for my

"let it be" chair in a hurry. No Christmas Eve buffet! The more I rocked and the more I let it be, the more I like the idea.

I'm so looking forward to Christmas Eve because I can really enjoy it now. I don't have to do a darn thing other than contribute to the cost of the pizza. What a great idea!

My daughter suggested that we have Christmas dinner either the Sunday before or the Sunday after Christmas when everyone isn't so tired from having gotten up so darn early. She also suggested that since I had the only house big enough for the whole family, maybe the whole family could assist in the cooking or providing the food.

That conversation was good for a few hours in my "let it be" chair. I worried that I wasn't that appreciated anymore, maybe I wasn't that needed anymore. Or maybe my kids are just grown-up with families of their own and find it a bit difficult to jump through the hoops I provide. Maybe I should just let it be.

This year Christmas dinner will be the day after Christmas and everyone will help to prepare it. There will be a minimal amount of work for me to do. I might actually get to enjoy reading a good book if Santa is kind enough to bring me one.

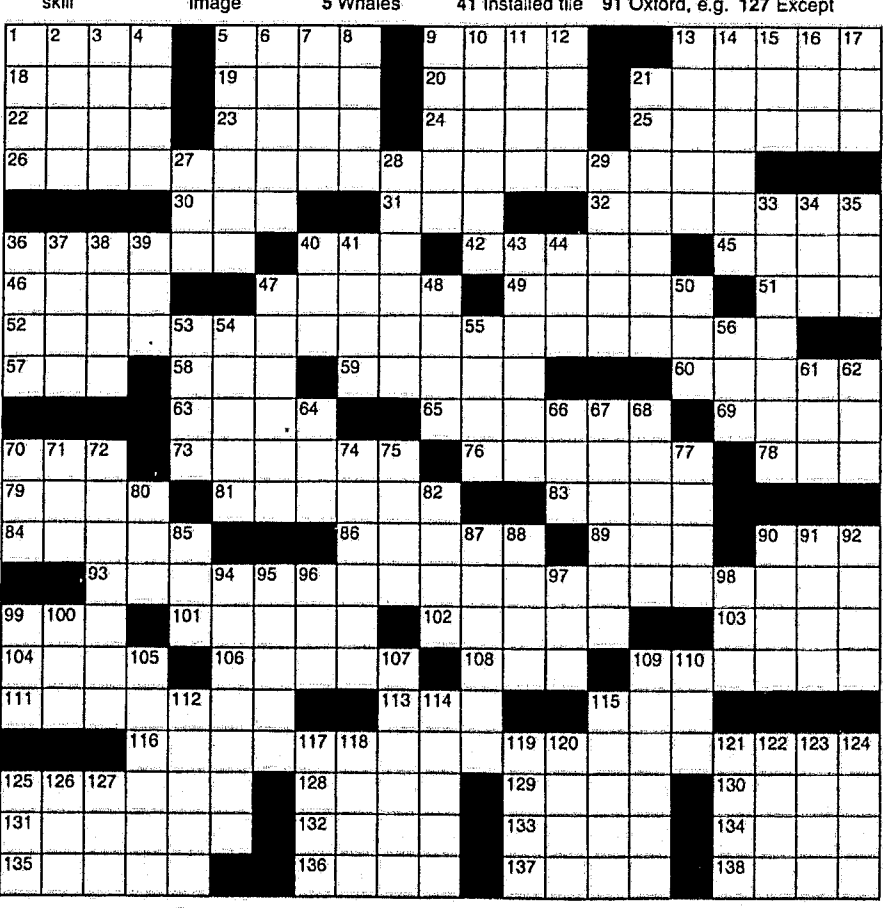
The money hasn't gone quite as far as I'd hoped it would, so there are still presents to be bought. I should be doing a lot more decorating and baking, but for right now I'm just going to rock a spell in my "let it be" chair. I'm sure everything will work out and a wonderful Christmas will be had by all.

If you're feeling a bit stressed out or a little worried about what you can't control, I highly recommend that you find a "let it be" spot of your own. The way I see it, the Beatles said it all, "There will be an answer, let it be."

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Answers on back page

Mason



by
Richard
Grover

I have come into possession of a letter from the Oxford

County Commissioners announcing the meeting of the Oxford County "Unorganized Territories Budget Workshop," scheduled for Dec. 21, at 9:45 a.m. This meeting is for discussing the July 1, 2005-June 30, 2006 budget. I suggest that anyone interested in the budget for the unorganized territories in Oxford County should either attend this meeting or voice their opinion about this matter to someone who can go or to the county commissioners themselves. I plan to attend.

I also found out that a large plot of land at the upstream end of the Tyler Road on the West Branch of Pleasant River has either been sold, or is in the process of being sold to a pair of developers. This includes what locals refer to as the Ikee Field, the northern terminus of the Miles Notch Trail. Supposedly, it consists of nearly 1,000 acres straddling Pleasant River and the Miles Notch Trail. If this land gets developed, it could conceivably limit access to a large part of the valley encompassing the headwaters of the Pleasant River and the Miles Notch Trail. Folks around here are concerned and wondering if there might be enough public concern about this development to support acquisition of a conservation easement or purchase by a conservation minded group or public agency (state or federal). Perhaps letters to the editor might generate interest.

On another tack, I had some computer frustration

last week. Mona already gave me my Christmas present, a photo printer. This one will take the little card from your digital camera and print beautiful photos without hassling with a computer. Only, it just prints 4-inch-by-6-inch prints. They included a software CD which is supposed to allow you to connect the printer to a computer to manipulate your photo before you print it (enlarge, crop, lighten, darken and stuff like that). Of course, you must install the software in your computer to do all this stuff. When I tried to install the software, the computer kept searching and printing "unable to locate software." With that, I telephoned technical support on their 800 number. I got a very pleasant, but difficult to understand, young lady in New Delhi, India to help me. After two hours on the phone, trying this and that, the young lady told me I would have to download the "drivers" for my printer from the HP Website on the Internet. She gave me directions to find them.

I went to the HP Website and located the files (49 megabytes). As we are on a "dial-up" connection, that meant a four-hour download, with the computer occupying the phone the whole time. I started the download at bedtime and went to bed. Next morning, I shut down the computer and went to CMMC for my radiation therapy. That afternoon, the computer would not come on. The power light would light, but the keyboard and monitor were dead. I took the computer "tower" to Jimmy Bennett for repair. As soon as he opened the case, he found a loose memory board, pushed it into place, fixing the problem. He "cleaned up" my computer and again downloaded the drivers for my photo printer because we couldn't find the ones I downloaded the night before.

A HOLIDAY MEAL TOGETHER

Tuesday's annual Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon, sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club, drew a good crowd at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. This year the Rotarians were assisted by the affiliated Interact Club, made up of high school students from both Gould Academy and Telstar High School.

(Photo: A. Aloisto)



Only with his wideband connection, the download only took about 11 and a half minutes. When I got home, I tried loading the new "drivers" into the software program. I still got the "unable to locate software" notice. Some days, it just doesn't pay to get out of

Hanover



by Clem
Worcester

The Hanover Town Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24,

Christmas Eve, and Dec. 31, New Year's Eve. And then it will be next year.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with the Maine Floodplain Management Program has presented plans to update and improve the Floodplain Insurance Maps for the state of Maine. The project has started in Cumberland County and preliminary work has begun in York and Oxford counties, with most of the work to be

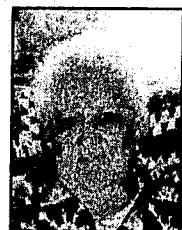
completed in 2005. Hanover is included in the areas to be remapped. The maps in present use were made in 1976 and seriously lack in useful detail. Citizen assistance is being solicited in obtaining accurate information. Anyone who can give documentation either by memory or with pictures of the floods in 1936 and 1987 are asked to share the information with Hanover officials. Please call the town office if you can help. Copies of pictures can be made at the town office so that you can keep the originals.

The Fish and Wildlife tagging station at Gordie Howe's Store reported that 34 deer were tagged there during the November hunting season. There have been no reports of deer killed during the muzzle-loader season.

Sometimes there does not seem to be much news to write each week. It's not that there isn't much news but that we are always cautioned that, "You better not put that in the paper, it might not set well with so and so." Then there are others who say, "How come you didn't put that in

the paper?" What we need is folks to keep their eyes and ears tuned in for news and let the old guy know about what's up.

Greenwood City



by
Rena Curtis

December is going fast. It sure has been cold lately.

Have a lot of birds around including a cardinal.

Fred Curtis is coming fast on his new house.

Saturday, Albert and Marie Curtis and three of their grandchildren and I went to Freeport to my granddaughter's place, Karen and Gary Green, to celebrate Christmas and Thanksgiving. Carl and Betty Curtis, Timothy Curtis and four of their grandchildren, Mathew, Nicole, Sam and Sahara, also joined the party. It was the family gathering. There were about 30 of us there.

Albert Curtis Sr. has been

helping Fred on his house.

My great-nephew, Artie Cogswell of Topsham, called me to let me know his daughter and husband had a baby Friday. It is his first grandchild, which made them happy.

He also told me his mother is not very well. She has cancer again. His mother, Ada, lived here with us when she was young and went to school at the Greenwood City School.

Fay and Leonas Holt had two Thanksgiving dinners.

Ann Holt had to go to Augusta Friday on school business. David Holt of Norway and Ann Holt had Sunday dinner with their parents, Fay and Leonas Holt.

Brad Payne visited his mother, Cora Payne, also his sister, Sandra.

Gerry Stevens is back here from Kentucky. He visited Fay and Leonas Holt. They were glad to see him.

Quote for the week: "By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong."

That's it for this week. Have a safe and happy one.

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East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers. Well, the snow has come so I can get into

the Christmas spirit. That's the way it is. Most people on our list like gift certificates anyway, so that will be easy.

We were awfully saddened to learn of the deaths of two of our good friends this past week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Eunice Brown Grover and Chet Adams. They will be greatly missed by their family and friends.

I talked briefly today with Loretta Andrews, who is at the New England Rehab of Portland where she is recuperating from major surgery. She sounded good but we didn't talk long as she had a visitor come in to visit so I hung up and will talk with her later.

There was a planning board meeting last night but I didn't get to it. I'll try to get to the next one.

We went to Norway today shopping and to lab work, etc. and saw a lot of people to chat with. Guess everybody was getting ahead of the storm that's predicted. These early December storms can be quite slippery and it's a good idea for us older people to stay in if we can.

Hope to have more and better news next week.

Our generator went on a parade a while ago in Bridgton, and we hear that the float in the parade took first place again this year for the most creative float. The float was, "The Polar Bear Express."

West Paris



by Bertha DeHaas
On Saturday evening, Dec. 4, at 5 p.m. about 75 people converged on Veteran's

Park in West Paris for the wedding of Lisa Whitney and Jack Floster, owner of the West Paris General Store. Lisa is the daughter of Linda Whitney Irish of Gray and Florida. Jack is the son of Frank and Elizabeth Floster of Harrison. Conducting the ceremony was Pastor Don Mayberry of the Congregational Church in South Paris. The attendants were Miss

Prentiss Kurty, daughter of the bride, and Master Ian Floster, son of the groom. The bagpipes were played by John Ryan. Some of those attending were as follows: Jack's daughters, Melissa Whittier and husband, Lance; Michelle Floster and friend Tony Unsyl; Kim Crocker; bagpiper, John Ryan and wife, Charlotte; Heather Gionet; Sarah Farnum; Roy, Lori and Melinda Benson; Peggy Merrill; Leon Baker; Sandra and Steve Hanscom; Amanda and Joey; Carmen Hadley; Ruth Hazelton; Lorie O'Neil; April Lacince; Fran Haney; Trish Haney; Lloyd Waterhouse; Marlene Ray; Myrissa Dan; Tina Hasell; Bo Warden; Ruth Floets; Tim and Fran Buck; Relu J.; David and Evawn Young; Bertha DeHaas; Frank and Elizabeth Floster; Linda Irish; Ruby Whitney and about 14 others who did not sign the book. The bride and her attendants arrived by a horse-drawn white carriage. The bride and groom were whisked away by a stretch limo after the ceremony to attend a wedding reception at the Jackson-Silver Post American Legion in Locke Mills. After a brief honeymoon they will reside on Main Street here in West Paris and continue running West Paris General Store. Congratulations folks.

The "Voices for Christ" combined choir will present the Christmas cantata, "Emmanuel — Celebrating Heaven's Child" on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Dixfield Congregational Church at 2 p.m. and the East Sumner Congregational Church at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 7 p.m., tables were set up in the West Paris fire hall with many nice items for sale by Jaci's Jazzettes, Kami (caramel apples), Michelle Cox, (corn chowder), West Paris Historical Society, Mary Williams, Osborne Books, Dawn Hill Derby Group, Paul and Cindy Cox, hot dogs and coffee and others. The Christmas basket was won by Tim Stevens. As cold as it was Sunday night that hot corn chowder, coffee and chocolate really hit the spot.

At about 5 p.m. the Santa Claus parade came down Main Street from the Agnes L. Gray School to the Veteran's Park at the corner of Main and Maple streets. The parade was led by Jaci's Jazzettes dance team closely followed by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and several townspeople in a wagon from Hill Billy's Belgians. Those horses really are beautiful. When everyone had arrived

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at the park we proceeded to light the Christmas tree. Wade Rainey was master of ceremonies. Bertha DeHaas led the carol singing and then we all hurried to the fire station for hot coffee, cocoa or chowder. It really felt good to get inside where it was warm. The fire trucks had been in the parade also. Our young dancers did a really good job and a good way to keep warm.

The Agnes L. Gray School news is as follows: There are two sixth-graders who have created and are sponsoring two Christmas baskets. One is a Christmas feast of non-perishable items and the other is a new toy basket. They are accepting donations from the school and community. The items are to be left at the Agnes L. Gray School office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 17.

The Agnes L. Gray Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 8, was a great success, thanks to Mrs. Andrews-Wright, the new music teacher, and the parents, teachers and all the students. Great job everyone.

Basketball, grades three through six, is up and running. Schedule changes were made as of Monday, Dec. 13, due to a conflict with one of the coach's work. Check with your coach.

The Instrumental and Chorus Recital Night will be held Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the

Agnes L. Gray Gym.

The after-school Explorer's program will go to Ledgeview Dec. 17 to sing Christmas carols to the residents.

The last student day before Christmas vacation will be Dec. 21. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 3. On Dec. 22 SAD17 staff will be attending a Barry Lane workshop. He is a world-renowned writing expert.

See you all next week.

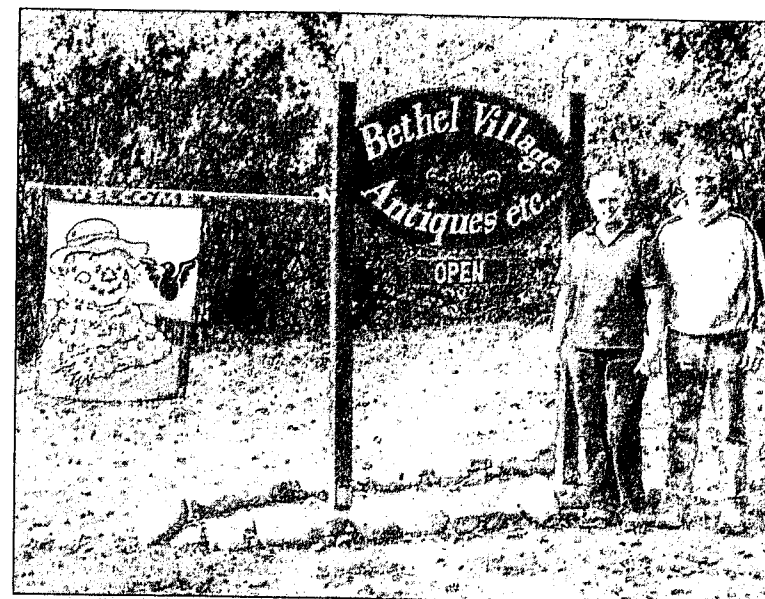
West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

The weather dumped all of its flurry on our area this past weekend — snow, rain, and more snow and sleet. Roads were a mess. My drive had been well sand-ed but with the freezing rain it was buried again. We have not found the black top yet.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, Dec. 19, the Rev. Joy Gasta will talk on "God through Me," the radical message that Jesus preached — God is manifested through each of us. In the evening at the Church at 5 p.m. will be the Christmas potluck supper followed by a Christmas program and a visit from Santa. All are welcome. On the 24th, the Christmas Eve service with special music will be at 6



p.m. Beverly Stevens and daughter, Ann Dean, were in Portland shopping. It is so nice for families to get together for events.

Dr. Allen Lamb of Santa Fe, N.M., visited over the week-end with his mother, Joyce Lamb. He was in Massachusetts working the previous week and drove up to Maine in the sleet and snow.

Most of the Florida people have left for the South and are glad to get out of our messy weather. We hope they are enjoying the sunny, warm climate.

As I type this the smell of hermits baking fill the house. They are for the baskets for the area shut-ins, and will be prepared soon and delivered.

Buffy is resting and sleeping in preparation for company for the holidays. He enjoys people for they scratch his neck, and brush and pet him.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

Winter is finally upon us after a beautiful fall. It takes a while to get used to driving

and getting around on foot safely. The roads have been kept real good so far. They do a nice job of keeping them safe for everyone.

I'm trying to get my Christmas shopping completed. We're having our Christmas here Dec. 19 so that everyone can get to the other places they need to go on Christmas Day. Plan to complete it this week when I go to Lewiston for a doctor's appointment.

Congratulations to Jo-Anna and Scott Southard on the birth of a baby daughter, Molly Jo, born Nov. 30 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. Molly Jo weighed a whopping nine pounds. It is their first child. Grandparents are Phelps and Joan Poland of West Paris and Howard and Lanara Southard of Pensacola, Fla.

Phelps and Joan traveled to Missouri prior to the birth of the baby and are now back home. I can't wait to see pictures of Molly. Jo-Anna is my niece.

Congratulations are also due Andrew and Lissa Merrill on the birth of a baby boy, Lincoln Timothy, born Dec. 3 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds and 1 ounce. Proud grandparents are Phil and Terry Merrill of West Paris, Charlie Butts, Mikki Millonzi and Ken Morse. Great-grandparents are

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I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Quote of the week: "I've learned that housework is something a woman does but which no one notices until she doesn't do it."

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt
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Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met for their December Christmas meeting at the Locke Mills Legion Hall with a noon chicken pie dinner served by the Legion ladies. A business meeting was held at 11:30 a.m. with Evelyn Bean,

president, presiding. She thanked all who had assisted the past year and announced seven new members this past year. Election of new officers: Edwin Howes, president; Joan Morgan, vice president; Mary Emmons, secretary; Norma Davis, treasurer. Chairman of cards and chaplain will be named by the president at the January meeting, which will be at the Town Conference Room with a potluck dinner at noon. Dues are payable the month of January, and anyone may join if 55 years old. Helvi Cary and Annella Burnham will do the Christmas greetings to shut-ins. There was an exchange of cards and gifts. Toys were brought for children and food for the pantry. This was in charge of Sylvia Dunham, who also led the singing of Christmas carols with Beverly Melville at the piano. This closed with a very successful year.

Last Saturday evening (early) someone stole my deer on our front lawn. If you took it on a dare or for a joke, please bring it back no questions asked.

Waterford



by
Rockie Graham
The weather is
definitely winter-like now.
We have

had several snowstorms, ice storms, snow squalls and even some cold, sunny days. And yet, it is not officially winter until the 21st. For this week, they predict we will have cold followed by a warming trend, but not too much more snow until the weekend. We should all have adjusted to it and have our

plowing and shoveling down pat, right.

On the 16th, today, Waterford Memorial School will have a Christmas Concert and Volunteer Celebration. It starts at 1:15 p.m. at WMS. Hope all who can make it over to see their children and grandchildren will do so. We will not be able to make it, but I hope others can.

The weather doesn't seem to have hampered people heading to the stores to shop. It is certainly quite busy whenever we go. It almost seems like food shopping has to be done in off hours or at off places. We try to limit our trips to the supermarket but we can't avoid it altogether.

For the person who broke into the Transfer Station, it is your tax dollars that will have to pay for the repairs, so you didn't accomplish anything. I am sorry people can't make it in during the hours that we are open, but I guess we may have to get a better gate. It just makes our job harder.

Dave has found a new love in feeding the birds. It is great to watch them flocking to the feeders to eat. The other day there must have been close to 30 of them feeding. In the morning, the mourning doves wait in the driveway as if gathering for a feed-in. So far, we have no turkeys. I think Tasha would keep them away. She is on constant squirrel control and would probably chase any turkeys away.

It is time for me to go. Have a great week.

Andover

by
Melinda Averill

Last week I forgot to include Erich Zurhost when I mentioned kids from Andover who were in the play, "The Twelve Dogs of Christmas." His parents, Craig and Mar, were also cast in it.

Frank White, of East Hartford, Conn., called on his former teacher and her husband, Violet and Robert Swain,

last week. Frank was called to Maine by the death of his brother, Ernest White of Rumford.

The delicious holiday dinner at the Town Hall on Dec. 6 for Andover residents was well attended. It was put on by the Andover Service Circle. Ninety-three-year-old Lester White and his wife, Jean, of East Andover attended. They were accompanied by their daughter and son-in-law, Norma and Freeman Farrington.

Pat and Bill Thurston, formerly of Weston, Mass., have built a home in South Andover near the Covered Bridge. They have always spent many summers at their camp at Roxbury Pond. Welcome.

Paul and Irene Trainer also have a new home on the Covered Bridge road. They presently live on Backstreet.

Get well wishes to Vern Moulton of South Andover.

Happy Birthday on Sunday to my niece, Abby. She is a sophomore at Mountain Valley.

I'm sure that lots of you are going to be out this weekend doing your last-minute shopping for Christmas. I'm pretty certain that I will be. Fun! Fun! Have a nice weekend.

From the

Western Mountains Senior College

Kali Lightfoot, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Southern Maine and coordinator of the Maine Senior College Network, and Rebecca Quinlan, assistant director, met with board members of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) in Bethel recently and brought fresh ideas from other senior colleges.

WMSC looks ahead to new monthly events in 2005. These plans will be reviewed at a reception in January for members and guests. For more information, contact J. Cressy at 824-0508.

From the

Bethel Senior Citizens

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Dec 8 at the Bethel Inn for their dinner and Christmas Party with 35 present. Gifts were exchanged and Joan Cole played several Christmas carols on the piano. The nominating committee, Nancy Mercer, Dorothy Bartlett and Ginny Walker presented the following slate of officers: president, Jane Hosterman; vice-president, Barbara Mahler; treasurer, Colleen Boyd; assistant treasurer, Dorothy Bartlett; secretary, Arlene Lowell; and assistant secretary, Nancy Mercer.

Ginny Walker presented Musa Brown a gift from the club in appreciation for her work with the club.

Next meeting will be Jan 12 at the Methodist Church at 11 a.m. and will be a potluck dinner. Members will bring a dish to share. Dues are payable at this meeting.

December birthdays: Musa Brown, Bertha Foster, Mary Paine, Sarah Stevens, Edna York and Caroline Gould.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Harp music by Elissa Lufkin wafted through the Dr. Moses Mason House at the annual "Christmas with the Masons" held on Dec. 2 at the Dr. Moses Mason House attended by a steady flow of visitors. The period house museum was decorated much as it would have been in the early 19th century with fruit, berries and boughs. Hot mull cider was served from the hearth of the Winter Kitchen and the dining room table was laden with delicious holiday treats. Following the museum experience, a number of visitors adjourned to the Robinson House to see a

video, "Barns: Legacy of Wood and Stone," which will highlight one of the exhibits to be opened in August 2005 at the society from the Smithsonian Institution called "Barn Again!"

The Bethel Historical Society's Museum Shop will be open Tuesday through Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. until Christmas. The shop contains a wide variety of gift possibilities ranging from local history books, period games, x-stitch kits, glass paper weights, paintings by local artists, historical videos and much more.

Tickets for the 7th annual New Year's Bethel are expected to be available this week at the following places: Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, The Bethel Citizen, Maine Line Products (Locke Mills), and the Newry Town Office. Advance tickets are \$10 adults and \$8 children (ages 6-18). At the door, they will be \$12 adults and \$10 children.

The venues include Michael Cooper (visual artist and mime), Maine humorist Norbert Twichell, Ti'Acadie (contra dance band), the Hobo-hemians (traditional music from bluegrass fiddle tunes to contemporary), and the State Street Traditional Jazz Band. In addition, there will be a vespers service, children's crafts, dragon parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, food court, bonfire with marshmallows, fireworks and community bell ringing.

Sponsors for this family and community event are still being sought from businesses and individuals. For further information on making a tax-deductible donation for this special time, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

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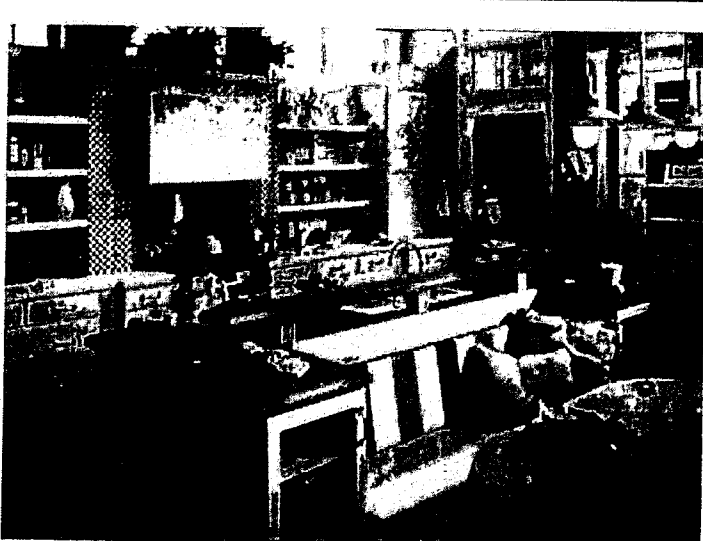
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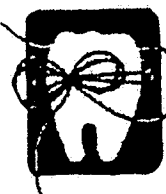
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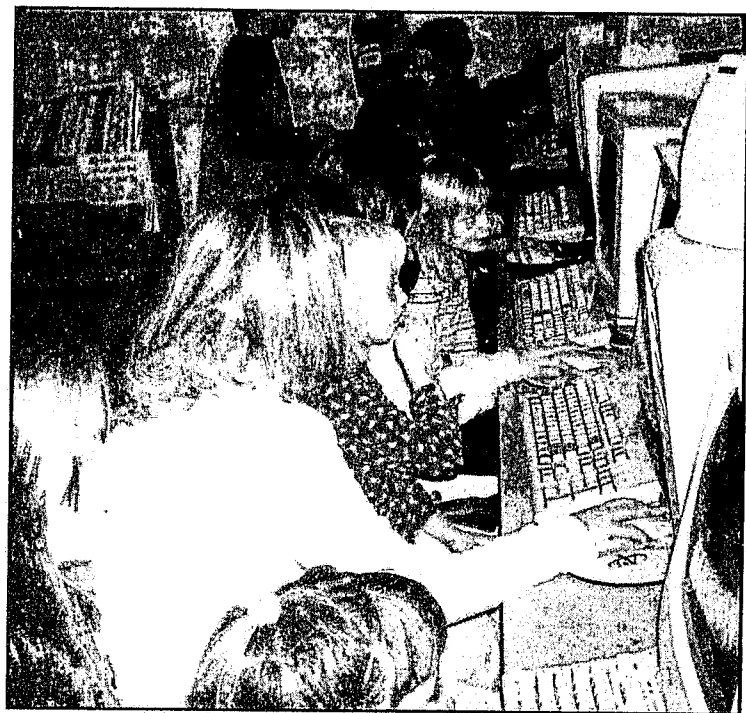
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It's Been a Busy Month at our Area Schools!



The students in Mrs. Wight's third grade classroom pair up with Mrs. Sabin's kindergarteners each Tuesday in the Dell Computer Lab. The teams work on sending e-mail and visiting various educational sites on the internet.



All students in grade three at CPS worked very hard to create patriotic holiday cards with messages inside. All the cards will be heading overseas for servicemen and servicewomen serving in Iraq. There were 21 soldiers mentioned in the Lewiston Sun. We also sent cards to Miss Merrill's nephew, Randall Jones, and to our native Bethel man, Ernest Aguilar. (Gabe's fifth grade class also sent letters to Gabe's dad.)



After spending time learning about the First Thanksgiving, the three kindergarten classes at Crescent Park School got together to share a story and a taste of cornbread, popcorn, and drink.



"AND I'D ALSO LIKE..." —Dominique Millett tells Santa about her Christmas wishes at "Breakfast with Santa," held December 4 at the Crescent Park Elementary School. Dominique is a kindergartener at the school.



The First Lego League (FLL) held it's state tournament over the weekend at Brewer High school. Thirty-eight teams from around the state competed in the event. Teams had to build robots and get them to complete nine different missions on a field mat that was approximately 8' x 4'. The teams also had to prepare a presentation based on how robotics has and can help handicapped people now and in the future. Three teams from SAD 44 were represented at the tournament. The Andover school sent a team for the third year in a row while the Woodstock and Crescent Park schools sent teams for the first time. The students represented in the picture are from left to right, Jamie Corey, Trent Bonney, Jeb Clarke, Leila Bullard, and Matthew Keane (front). This was the Crescent Park team. The SAD 44 teams all did well and held their own against many middle school teams. The ages that may participate are from 9 through 14. We had a great time and the students felt very good about their accomplishments. The whole project took approximately 10 weeks.

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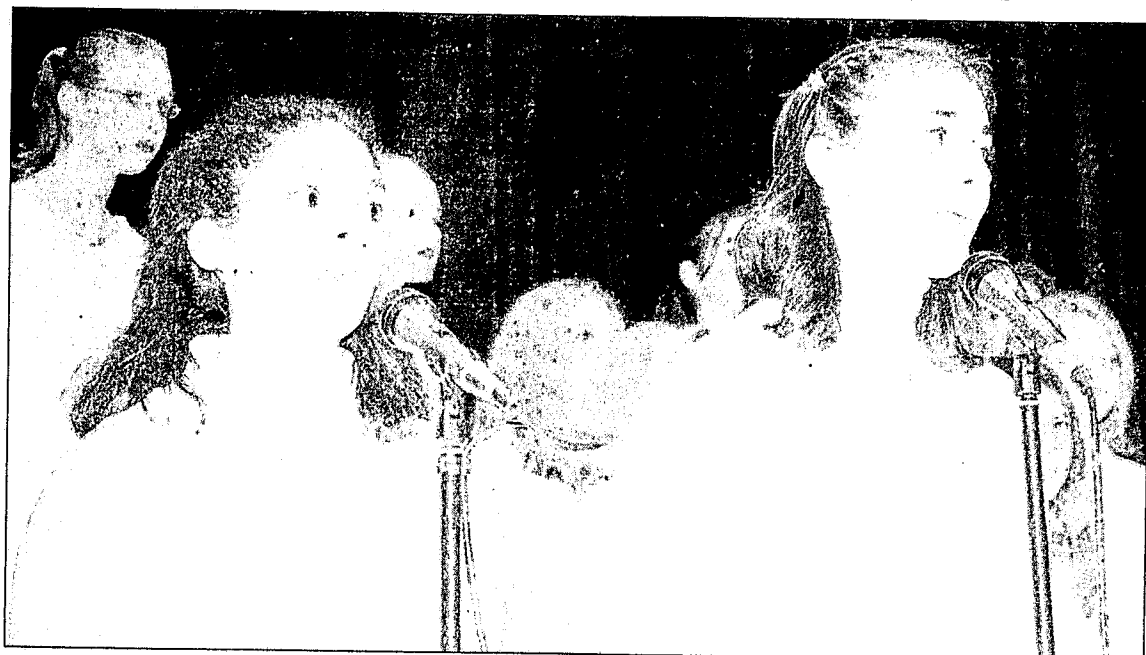
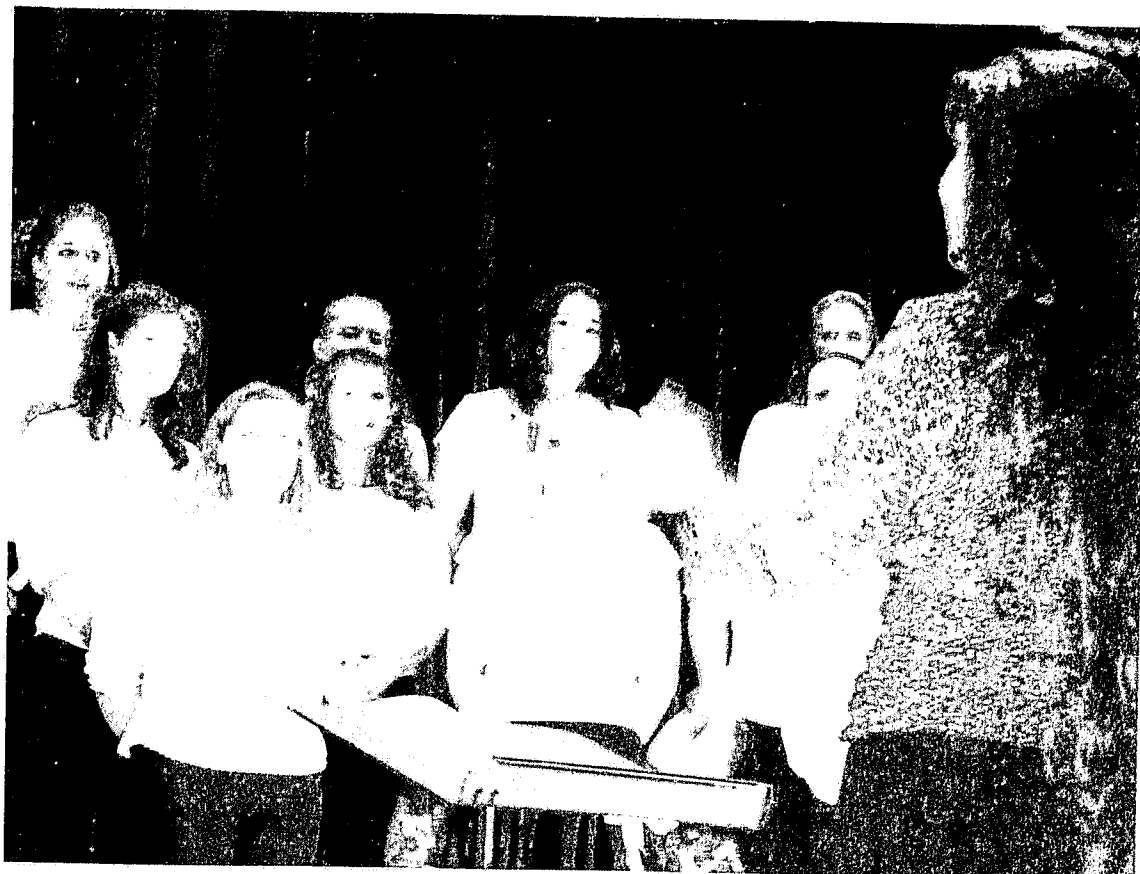
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Telstar Winter Concert



Parents and friends filled the Helen C. Berry Auditorium Tuesday night for the annual Telstar Winter Concert. Clockwise from top left: Tom Coolidge and the middle school band; Jennifer Bennett and the high school chorus; THS chorus members Kim Lauro and Tonya Hebert.

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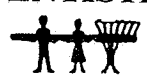
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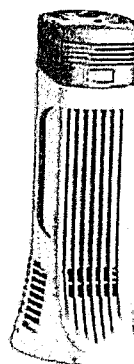
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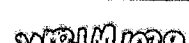


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Telstar 69, Livermore Falls 53; Dec. 10— Telstar's Sean Caddigan had 25 points, Ryan Savage 19 and Josh Longway 18 in a win over Livermore. Other scorers: Kevin Zinchuk (6), Matt Zinchuk (2); Terry Collins (3). Savage had two three-pointers and Caddigan one. "We came out slow in the first quarter but played well the rest of the game, especially in the fourth quarter when the team shot 11-13 from the free throw line to seal the victory," said coach Alec Newell. "A great way to start the season, but we still have a great deal of work to do."

Gould 54, Hebron 25, Dec. 10— The Gould varsity women's basketball team had their season opener on the road at Hebron. The players returning from last year, Captains Heather Kelleher and Maleah Piazza along with Suzi Jump and Tamara Isham, anchored the team early on in the contest. Joining the four returning girls was Carley Rudd in the crucial position of point guard. Gould jumped out to an early 14-0 lead in the first quarter, led by Kelleher's 10 first-quarter points. Kelleher continued to pour it on, scoring 29 points by game's end. Suzi Jump also had a strong first game, scoring 10 points in three quarters. Rudd added 8 points, freshman phenom Amelia Allen sunk 2 field goals and a free throw for 5, and Piazza added a nice swish from the outside for 2.

Senior Glen Carver joins the team this year after skiing several years at Gould Academy. Other upperclassmen new to the team are senior Nola Wentworth and Junior Amanda Coolidge. Freshmen are Terry Gordon, Brianne Bailey and Lisa Aron.

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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 16, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	WWE SmackDown!				News		Fear Factor	
(32)	7th Heaven		Movie: "Miltch Alborn's The Five People You Meet in Heaven"						The 700 Club	
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	The Apprentice						News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Charlie Brown Christmas	life as we know it		PrimeTime Live			News	
(10)	News-Lehrer	Capitol Connection	Antiques Roadshow			Soundmix: Musicians			Charlie Rose	
(22)	Movie: "3"					College Basketball: Ohio State at Texas Tech			SportsCenter	
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	MXC	MXC	Trivia	MXC	MXC	MXC		
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace			News	
(41)	Tailgate	Football	American Poker Champ.	Best Damn Sports Show	Sports	Sports			Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	"The Medallion" Cont'd	Inside the NFL	Movie: "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines"						Real Sex	Real Sex
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Movie: "Tarzan"			Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World	
(18)	The Order	Movie: "Big Fish"				Movie: "Ghost Ship"			Sapphire	
(20)	NESN Retro	NESN Retro				Roughing It	SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Eve's Christmas"					Movie: "Stolen Miracle"			The Nanny	Golden
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	"Dumb & Dumber"	
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	Rugrats	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	
(25)	"For a Few Dollars More"					Movie: "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"			Movie: "Shenandoah"	
(26)	JAG	Law & Order: SVU	Movie: "Billy Madison"						Uncle Buck	
(27)	American Justice	Cold Case Files				MovieReal			Crossing Jordan	
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Snow White"			WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker	Becker	
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live			NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight			

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 17, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Star Trek: Enterprise				News		Fear Factor	
(32)	Full House	Full House	Movie: "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"				Whose? Whose?		The 700 Club	
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Movie: "Secret Santa"				Law Order: CI		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules	Complete	Hope	Less Than	20/20		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Maine.	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Summer	Wall		Now With Bill Moyers	
(22)	SportsCtr.	NBA	NBA Basketball: Denver Nuggets at Miami Heat				NBA Basketball: Suns at Sonics			
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn				True Dads With Bruce Willis			CSI: Crime Scn	
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Red-Nosed Reindeer	JAG			48 Hours Mystery		News	
(41)	Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Boston Celtics					Sports		Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Face/Off"				Chris Rock	Real Sex	Last Sam	
(17)	Phil	So Raven	Movie: "Inspector Gadget"				Movie: "Inspector Gadget"		Boy World	
(18)	"Ghost Ship" Cont'd		Movie: "From Dusk Till Dawn"						Movie: "Intolerable Cruelty"	
(20)	NESN Retro	NESN Retro				Roughing It	SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "Ms. Sroogee"					Movie: "A Very Cool Christmas"			Merge	
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"				Movie: "The Mask"	
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	Phantom	Robot	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby
(25)	Bonfire-Vanit.		Movie: "Addams Family Values"				FilmFakers	Movie Club	The Omen	
(26)	Law & Order: SVU	Monk				Monk			Law & Order: SVU	
(27)	Sell House	Sell House	Find & Design			At Home With the Brave			Movie: "Karroll's Christmas"	
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "A Vow to Cherish"				WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker	
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live			NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight			

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 18, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	All of Us	Eve	Veronica Mars		News	Red Sox	Star Trek: Enterprise	
(32)	"Mr. St. Nick" Cont'd								Movie: "Snow"	
(6)	Maine	Seinfeld	Movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"						News	Sat. Night
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Remember the Titans"						News	CSI
(10)	Members' Choice Cont'd	Members' Choice								
(22)	Karate	Karate	NFL Football: Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons						SportsCtr.	
(34)	Most Amazing Videos		Movie: "Red Scorpion"				MXC	Trivia	WWE Velocity	
(13)	News		The Story of Santa Claus	Cold Case			48 Hours Mystery		News	Ent. Tonight
(41)	Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers					AHL Hockey: Providence at Hartford			
(15)	Movie: "Chasing Liberty"					Boxing: Glen Johnson vs. Antonio Tarver			The Wire	
(17)	Phil	So Raven	Movie: "Johnny Tsunami"				Lizzie	Phil	Braceface	Boy World
(18)	"No Mercy" Cont'd		Movie: "Cradle 2 the Grave"				Movie: "Torque"		Lessons	
(20)	NESN Retro	NESN Retro				Roughing It	SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews	
(44)	GoodFellas	Movie: "1st to Die"							Missing	
(5)	Ace Ventura		Movie: "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"				Movie: "A Night at the Roxbury"			
(24)	Lemony	SpongeBob	Grown Up	Romeo!	All That	Amanda	Family Faceoff	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	
(25)	She-Ribbon		Movie: "El Dorado"						Movie: "The Sons of Katie Elder"	
(26)	Exiled: A Law	Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU			Law Order: CI	
(27)	City Confidential	Cold Case Files				City Confidential			The First 48	
(12)	Funnies Home Videos	Becker	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls				WGN News	Feed		
(39)	The Capital Gang	CNN Presents				Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night		CNN Presents	

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	'70s Show	'70s Show	CSI: Crime Scn				News	Red Sox	Red Sox Stories	
(32)	"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" Cont'd						Movie: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"			
(6)	Dateline NBC		Law Order: CI				Crossing Jordan		News	Seinfeld
(8)	Funnies Home Videos	Makeover: Home					Desperate Housewives	Boston Legal	News	Practice
(10)	Members' Choice Cont'd						Masterpiece Theatre		Sign-Off	
(22)	SportsCtr.	NFL Primetime					NFL Football: Baltimore Ravens at Indianapolis Colts		SportsCtr.	
(34)	WWE Sunday Night Heat		Movie: "Mortal Kombat"				Most Amazing Videos		The Club	
(13)	60 Minutes		Cold Case				Movie: "Fallen Angel"		News	Friends
(41)	College Basketball	College Basketball: N.C. St. at Washington					Sports List	FSN Amer	Beyond the Glory	
(15)	Movie: "Bend It Like Beckham"						Movie: "Mystic River"			
(17)	Phil	So Raven	Movie: "Cinderella"				Kim	Lizzie	Phil	Braceface
(18)	"Big Fish"		Movie: "A League of Their Own"					Movie: "Bad Boys II"		
(20)	PGA	Port 'O Call	NE Journal	The Ride	Outdoors	Outdoors		SportsDesk	PGA	ESPNNews
(44)	Movie: "Lethal Vows"						Strong Medicine		Missing	
(5)	"A Night at the Roxbury"		Movie: "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"					Movie: "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"		
(24)	Drake	School	Unfabulous	News	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	"The Green Berets"		Movie: "The Sea Chase"						Movie: "In Harm's Way"	
(26)	Movie: "Casino" Cont'd								Law & Order: SVU	
(17)	Airline		Movie: "No Way Out"						Dog	CSI: Miami
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Smokey and the Bandit"						WGN News	Replay
(39)	TBA	People	GNN Presents				Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night	CNN Presents

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	One	Half & Half	Girlfriends	Second	News		Fear Factor	
(32)	Nestor	Gold	Movie: "Three Days"				Whose? Whose?		The 700 Club	
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Fear Factor				Las Vegas	Las Vegas	News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Pat's Game Day				NFL Football: New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins			
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow				American Experience		Charlie Rose	
(22)	SportsCtr.	Monday Night Countdown					Movie: "3"		3 Nation: Dale Earnhardt	
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn					WWE Raw		2004 VGAs	
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Still	Listen Up	Raymond	Two Men	CSI: Miami		News	
(41)	Sports	Football	Championship Poker				Best Damn Sports Show	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	"D3: The Mighty Ducks"		Movie: "The Last Samurai"						Phantom	Carnivale
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven					Movie: "Inspector Gadget 2"		Boy World	
(18)	"Patriot Games" Cont'd		Movie: "Torque"				Fueling Fire	Movie: "Two Weeks Notice"		
(20)	Divers	Camo Cnt	NE Journal	The Ride	Outdoors	Outdoors	SportsDesk	Port 'O Call	ESPNNews	
(44)	Movie: "It'll Be Home for Christmas"						Movie: "The Angel Doll"		How Clean	How Clean
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends			Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Grown Up	Family Faceoff		Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne
(25)	"Intersection" Cont'd		Movie: "Final Analysis"						Movie: "The Last Seduction"	
(26)	The Biggest Loser	Law & Order: SVU					Movie: "Collateral Damage"		The Order	
(27)	American Justice	Murder on the Tracks	Gotti	Gotti			Airline	Airline	Crossing Jordan	
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "March of the Wooden Soldiers"				WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker	
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live				NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight		

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 2004										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	All of Us	Eve	Veronica Mars		News		Fear Factor	
(32)	Life of Santa Claus		Movie: "Eloise at Christmastime"				Whose? Whose?		The 700 Club	
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	The Biggest Loser	Father	Scrubs		Law & Order: SVU		News	
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	My Wife	Lopez	Jim	Rodney	NYPD Blue		News	
(10)	News-Lehrer		Nova				Penious Fight: America's		Independent Lens	
(22)	Bowl Mania	College Football: Champs Sports Bowl - Georgia Tech vs. Syracuse							SportsCenter	
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn					Movie: "Death Warrant"		MXC	
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	The Amazing Race 6				The 27th Annual Kennedy Center Honors		News	
(41)	Sports	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Miami Heat					Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show	
(15)	Movie: "Catch That Kid"						Movie: "Chasing Liberty"		Carnivale	
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Movie: "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit"				Lizzie	Sister, Sis	Even	Boy World
(18)	"National Security"		Movie: "Stuck on You"						Movie: "Broken Lizard's Club Dread"	
(20)	NESN Retro	NESN Retro					Roughing It	SportsDesk	ESPNNews	ESPNNews

Events Calendar • December 16 - January 27

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Thru Dec. 27 — **Commons Art Collective 4th annual Group Show and Holiday Sale.** Main Street, Norway. Gallery open 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday/Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (also accessible through Fare Share Market 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday).

Thursdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 17 — **Positive Parenting sponsored by Community Concepts** 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Rumford. FMI: call Melissa Wakefield (364-3721 ext. 3515).

Tuesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15 — **Positive Parenting sponsored by Community Concepts** 9:30 to 11 a.m. in South Paris. FMI: call Melissa Wakefield (364-3721 ext. 3515).

2nd Tuesday each month, 6 to 8 p.m. — **Spirit Wings Compassionate Healing**, 57 Main Street, Bethel. Reiki Shares and Support. Open to all Reiki levels and lineages. FMI: 824-2204.

Thursday, December 16

5 p.m. — **Oxford County Democrats Holiday Party** at Rumford Eagles Hall. 6 p.m. dinner and program. FMI: 364-7666 or 875-2116.

Saturday, December 18

10 to 12 a.m. — **Bethel Bill Koch Cross Country Ski Program** meeting at Sunday River Inn sponsored by Bethel Outing Club. Open to youngsters old enough to ski through age 13. It is also free community ski day at the Inn.

Noon to 2 p.m. — **Holiday Baking** at McLaughlin Foundation, 97 Main Street, South Paris with Lisa Whitley from Café Di Cocoa in Bethel. Take home assortment of holiday treats. Cost: members, \$15, non-members, \$20. To pre-register call 743-8820.

2 and 7 p.m. — **Children's Stage Adventures**, performed by SAD44 elementary children at Crescent Park School, Bethel. Ticket sales at door.

2 to 4 p.m. — **Horse-drawn Wagon Rides** by Meadow Creek Farm beginning at Bethel Common.

2 and 7:30 p.m. — **Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield**, will present "A Country Christmas" by **The Don Campbell Band**. Tickets: \$12, all seats, available at Northeast Bank, Buckfield or call 336-3306 Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Fridays noon to 5 p.m. Visa and MasterCard accepted. FMI: www.oddfellow.com.

7:30 to 11:30 p.m. — **Dance** to music by Country Ladds at Emogene Staples Hall, Welchville. Sponsored by Oxford Fire Department and Auxiliary Corp.

Sunday, December 19

2 p.m. — **Christmas Caroling to shut-ins and others** in North Waterford and Stoneham area. Meet at North Waterford Congregational Church. Potluck follows at 5 p.m.

2 p.m. — **Voices for Christ**, combined choir from several churches will present a Christmas cantata, "Emmanuel—Celebrating Heaven's Child," at Dixfield Congregational Church, High Street, Dixfield.

4 p.m. — **Christmas Cantata, "A Glorious Christmas,"** at Locke Mills Union Church sung by a choir from area churches. Refreshments and fellowship following. Everyone welcome. FMI: 674-2259.

6 p.m. — **Voices for Christ**, combined choir from several churches will present a Christmas cantata, "Emmanuel—Celebrating Heaven's Child," at East Sumner Congregational Church, Route 219.

Monday, December 20

7 p.m. — **Public Hearing** at Newry Town Office for discussion of Oxford County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Tuesday, December 21

11:30 a.m. — **Christian Women United luncheon/meeting** at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Those not contacted, please call Pearl Anderson at 743-5724 for reservation.

Friday, December 24

5 p.m. — **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at North Waterford Congregational Church.

Monday, December 27

7 p.m. — **Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co.** will be presented by The Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, Newry. Tickets: \$4/\$6 kids (6-12), \$6/\$8 adults. FMI: 824-3575.

Friday, December 31

New Year's Bethel. Entertainers, a vesper service, children's crafts, dragon parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, food court, bonfire with marshmallows, fireworks and community bell ringing. Tickets available at Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bethel Citizen, Maine Line Products (Locke Mills), and the Newry Town Office. Advance tickets: \$10 adults and \$8 children (ages 6-18); at door: \$12 adults and \$10 children. FMI: 824-2908.



CATCH SOME BIG AIR AT SUNDAY RIVER SKI RESORT

Sunday River Ski Resort will present Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. on Monday, December 27 as the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series bursts into its new season. If you thought the only place you could get some big air was on the ski slopes, you were mistaken! Come enjoy the comedic antics of the Inflatable Theater Company and laugh at inflation. Show time is 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Sunday River. Tickets for this family event is \$4 for children (12 and under) and adults \$6 in advance or \$6 and \$8 at the door. Admission for children under five is free. Tickets may be purchased on-mountain at the South Ridge Lodging Check-in, the Snow Cap Inn, the Grand Summit Resort Hotel or at Books & Things in Bethel. For more information please call (207) 824-3575.

7 p.m. — **Open Mic Night** at First Universalist Church, Main Street, Norway hosted by Heather Pierson. Come for more holiday cheer and ring in the New Year. Sign-up for performers begins at 6:30 p.m., Admission: \$3. Refreshments available. Performers of all ages encouraged to bring and share songs, stories, comedy, dance and poetry. FMI: contact Heather at 935-4505 or e-mail vessel@prexar.com.

8:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. — **New Year's Dance** at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Noisemakers and hats. Tickets: \$8.50 per person. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society. Come and enjoy.

Sunday, January 9

2 p.m. — **Tom Dean**, folk/rock singer/guitarist and **Tom Yoder** on mandolin and fiddle will perform at St. Kieran

Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$10 at door. FMI or membership information: (603) 752-1028.

Wednesday, January 12

11 a.m. — **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** will meet at Bethel Methodist Church for a potluck dinner. Members will bring dish to share. Dues payable at this meeting.

Friday, January 14

7 to 8 p.m. — **"The Journey Through Depression"** with Janet Willie. Bridges to Health and Healing free lecture at Crescent Park School cafeteria. FMI: e-mail Gary at bahvets@megalink.net.

Thursday, January 27

Oxford County Democratic Committee meeting at the Norway Town Office meeting room. Election of officers and revised bylaws on agenda.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 869-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Closed Women's Speaker/Discussion Meeting. Tuesdays at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Step Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church. **Big Book, People Who Need People Group.** Open reading discussion. Wednesdays from 6-7pm at the Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26, (entrance in rear.)

Al-Anon Meeting Mondays at 8pm at the Oxford Advent Christian Church (use the north side entrance of the church)

ALCOHOL/DRUG TREATMENT

Community Concepts' Alcohol & Drug Counseling Program is now accepting appointments in Bethel every Thursday and Friday. MaineCare welcome. DEEP certified. Call 364-3721 for appointment. Community Concepts is a non-profit organization with a mission to "help people build opportunities for a better tomorrow."

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm. Thursday 1-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2863, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Tout at 836-2900.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets Tuesday in the conference room at the Mexico Congregational UCC ("The Green Church"), 153 Main Street, Mexico. Everything spoken and heard here is confidential. Anyone trying to cope with the loss of a loved one is welcome. FMI call Sue Byam at 364-8185

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off hours 928-3222.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Wednesdays at the church.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. Tuesday - Sunday School 9-11:15. All are welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor John O'Keefe. Morning worship at 10:30, Sunday School, 9:30. Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:30 p.m., Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Pastor Kevin Bellinger (824-2289). 10 a.m. worship. Sunday School at 9 a.m. Kidz Klub and Youth Group at 5:30pm. Evening Service (will resume in January) at 6 p.m. on Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Mass - Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Gerald A. Levesque. 743-2606

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. There is also an adult study group during Sunday School.

West Bethel Union - a.m. worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-2844 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Don Steffen. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. Awana Clubs. FMI 836-3006 or 824-0550.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913. December service will be on the 19th at 8:30pm

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 28), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish - North Waterford Congregational Church & Stoneham Congregational Church - Sunday worship services 10 a.m. at North Waterford (through winter), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Second Sunday;

Vesper Service, 7pm at North Waterford. Rev. George Probst, 693-6461.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levisen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison, Maine. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m. Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 998-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Rev. Frank Haines Sunday morning service will begin at 9a.m.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Newry Community Church - Sunday worship service 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April).

NORWAY/PARIS

Christian Science Society - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info or ride.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Route 117N, S. Paris. Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singersperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour will follow the service. Fellowship lunch will be held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. **Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway** - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Rev. Joy Gasta.

Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Mass, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Canon Henry Male, Jr. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday prayer meeting at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday night bible study at 7:00 p.m. East Andover Rd. For more information, call 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Pastor Frank Haines.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept. - mid - June). 674-2365.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am, Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Lawrence Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Kid's hour 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting & bible study 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Maheos Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Arla Patch 665-2224 FMI.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30pm; Thursday 6-8pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9am-1pm. Tuesday, 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday & Friday 1-5pm; Saturday, 9-1pm. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm to the public.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5pm; Thursday 1:30-7pm.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm; Friday 1:30-5pm. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August.

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The workshops will be presented by members of SCORE and the Small Business Development Center/AVCOG. Workshop content has been structured to provide valuable information and assistance in writing a business plan, basic market research, projecting cash flow and obtaining financing for a new business. Writing a good business plan and understanding marketing and the details of cash flow and finances are vital to the success of any new business.

The fee for the four-session workshop is \$45 and includes participation by one business partner or spouse. Advance registration and payment with the Oxford Hills SCORE Chapter, 743-0499, is required.



TOP ANGLER—Andover native Warren Palmer earned a berth to the 2005 All-American BFL Lake Wheeler Regional at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, Ky. Palmer, who fishes on the Stokley's Marine/Nitro Boats fishing team, competed with top anglers from four divisions in October's BFL regional tournament. The top six anglers, including Palmer, advance to the pinnacle of Bass Tournament Fishing competition, The All-American. The top 30 anglers from the Mountain, LBL, Shenandoah and Bulldog divisions comprised the Wheeler Lake Regional Field. Palmer placed fifth in the three-day tournament with a total weight of over 13 pounds. He caught the majority of his fish using top water, jig and Carolina rig techniques. He traveled 65 miles on the water, in the rain, to his first fishing spot on the last day of the tournament. All-American qualifiers from the Wheeler Lake Regional will join competitors that advance from the five other regional tournaments plus the Chevy Truck Wild Card tournament for an All-American Tournament field of 48 anglers.

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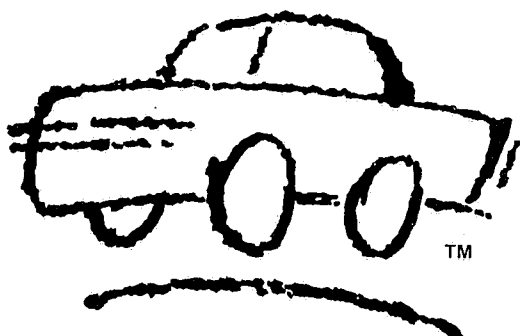
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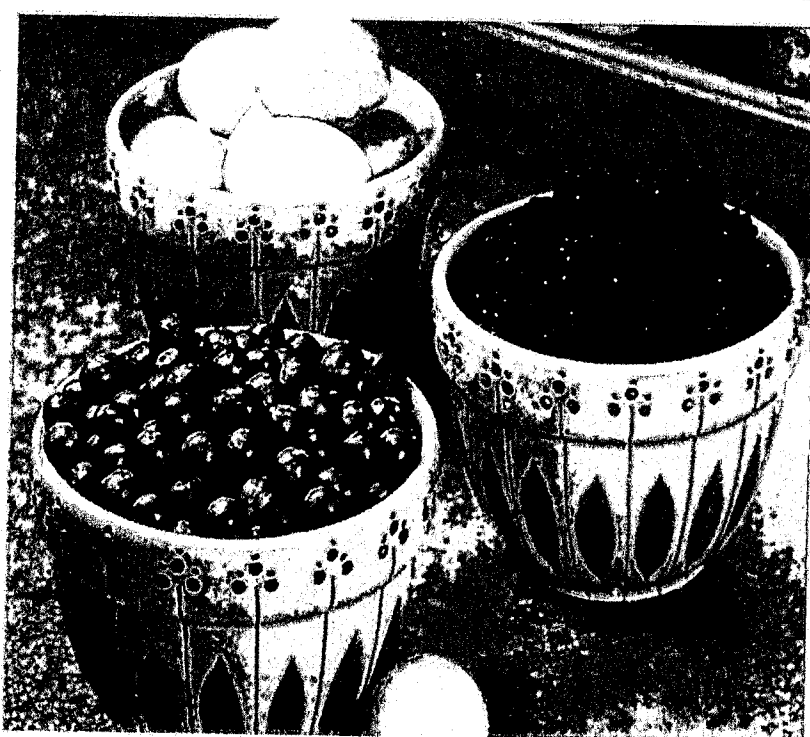
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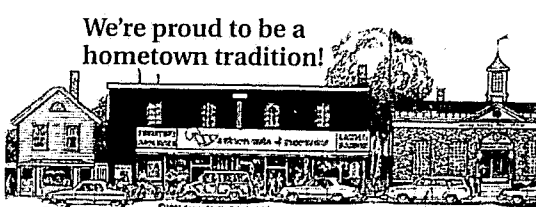
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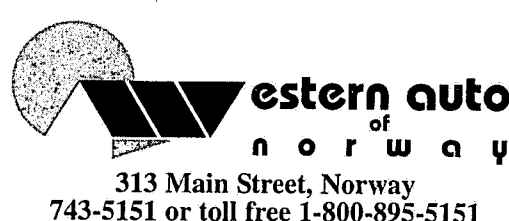
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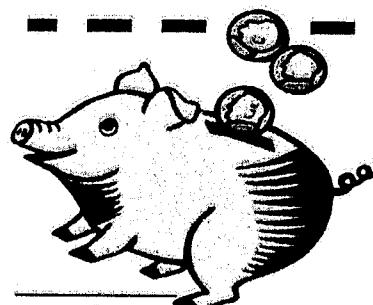
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Bethel - Waterfront-Great home with 5 acres of field, mature Pines and Androscedon water frontage. Sit in front of the fireplace, gaze out the large bay window and watch the abundant wildlife that roams through the pine grove and meadow that leads down to the river. This 2 bedroom 2 1/2 baths, daylight basement and location are just some of the many great assets of this property. Couldn't ask for a better setting! **New Listing \$325,000**

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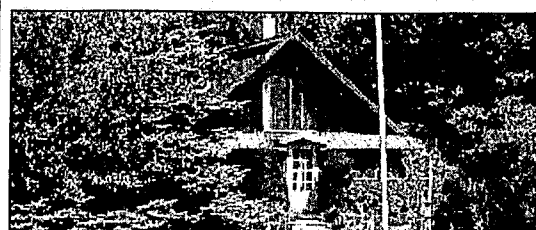
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Storybook setting from this unique home located along the banks of the Androscoggin. 4+ acres. Upper level offers three bdrm, bath, brick hearth, deck overlooking the river. Lower level offers two bdrm, bath laundry room and walkout to Malicious landscaped lawn. Two day garage with additional covered storage area. This property has too many amenities to list. A must see. Priced at \$460,000



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Eden Ridge Views Views Views...From this lovely end unit at Eden Ridge. Spacious living and dining area surround the fireplace in this 2 bdrm 1.5 bath Townhouse. Only minutes to ski resort and beautiful Bethel Village. Priced at \$169,000



Newry: Just off Monkey Brook Road. 4 bedroom, 3 bath home located minutes from Sunday River Ski Area and minutes from the new golf course. \$300,000



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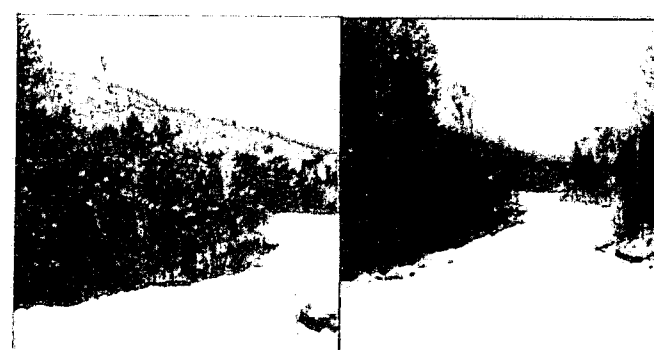
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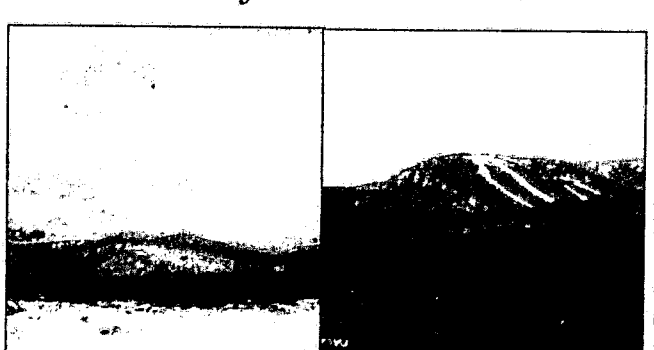


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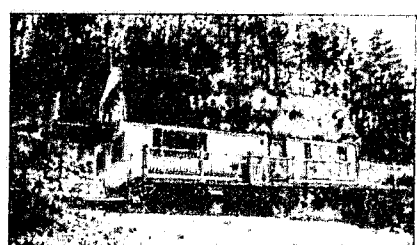
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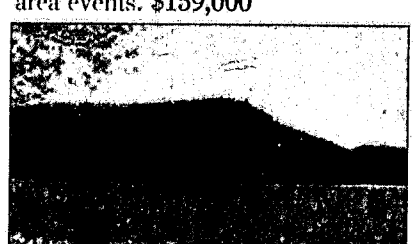
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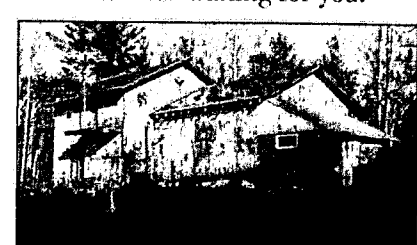
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- 3 Bdrm furnished \$1,000 w/utilities



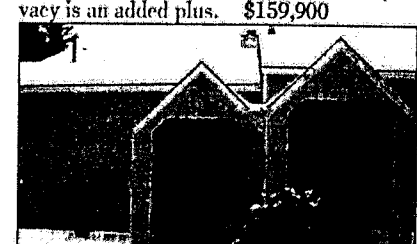
Willowbrook Farm: 2 miles south of Bethel: tastefully restored, wide pine floors, spacious living areas, charming and inviting kitchen, easy access to ski areas, elevated walking trail, convenient to schools, shopping, area events. \$159,000



North Pond, Woodstock: 2 bedroom mobile home with 120 feet of water frontage. Home is in immaculate condition, well maintained, also near ski resorts. \$153,900



Albany, Hunt's Corner Road, Great 3.7 acre lots, mountain views may be achieved with tree thinning in the back of property. Hand milled timbers are prevalent throughout the house. 3 bedrooms, fieldstone hearth, wood stove hook up, wonderful stone wall and privacy is an added plus. \$159,900

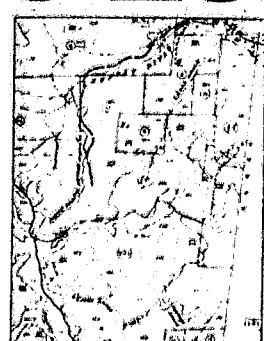


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Lot 4	11.11 acres	\$99,900
Lot 5	10.31 acres	\$99,900
Lot 7	7.75 acres	\$89,900
Lot 8	7.93 acres	\$89,900
Lot 9	5.00 acres	\$89,900
Lot 10	5.01 acres	\$89,900
Lot 12	3.17 acres	\$159,900
Lot 13	6.79 acres	\$119,900

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3.38 +/- acres	Albany	\$28,500
8+/- acres	Great lot with lower Albany taxes	\$110,000
8+/- acres	Bethel, Rt. 2, Walking distance to village, 10 miles to Sunday River Ski Resort	
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57+/- Acres	French Hill Rd.	\$164,000
30 +/- Acres	Bethel	\$159,900
7.1+/- Acres	Flat Road	
10.5+/- Acres	West Bethel	
	development potential	
	Albany	
	development potential	
	Albany	
	Land on both sides of brook	

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Lot 1	2.26 Acres	PENDING
Lot 2	4.13 Acres	\$104,900
Lot 3	3.66 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 4	2.20 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 5	2.25 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 6	2.11 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 7	2.05 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 8	1.98 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 9	1.96 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 10	1.57 Acres	\$89,900
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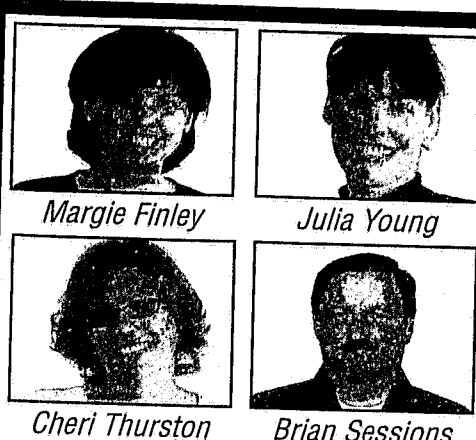
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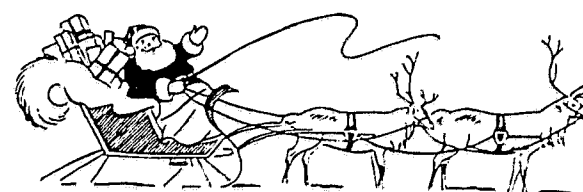
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- Walking Distance to Bethel Village
- Great View Potential

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- Views of White Cap Sunday River
- Minutes from Sunday River Resorts

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- 18 +/- Acre w/ Stunning Views
- Open Floor Plan
- Terraced Yard
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- 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath
- 1.3 +/- Acres
- Wrap Around Deck
- 1 1/2 Miles to Bethel Inn & Country Club
- Close to Sunday River Ski Resort

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POWDER RIDGE #35, NEWRY \$82,000

- 1.6 +/- Acre Mountain Property
- Paved Road
- Great Mountain View
- Views of White Cap Sunday River
- Minutes from Sunday River Resorts

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20 BELL LANE, GREENWOOD \$189,000

- 3 Bedroom/2 1/2 Baths
- Cathedral Ceilings
- Open Floor Plan
- 9.25 +/- Acres
- 2 Car Garage

Contact: **MARGIE FINLEY**

3 CONFORTI COURT, BETHEL \$349,000

- 3 Bedroom / 3 Bath
- Open Floor Plan w/Cathedral Ceiling
- Hardwood Floors
- Mountain Views min from Sunday River
- Stone Fireplace

Contact: **JULIA YOUNG**

HOWE HILL ROAD, GREENWOOD \$39,900

- 1.6 +/- Acres
- Lot is En Route to Mt. Abram
- Installed Septic w/ Designed for Up To 10
- Bedroom Units
- Convenient to Local Purvis: Skiing and Golf
- 4 Season Accessibility

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Mt. Abram Ski Village, Greenwood: Ski in and out of Westside Lodge from this nearly new 3BR, 2 full bath log sided home with daylight basement. Warm yourself by the woodstove in the living room with cathedral ceilings and enjoy the mountain & ski slope views from the expansive dining room and front deck. Cross-country and snowmobile trails are also nearby. For summer fun, the public boat launch on Round Pond is just down the hill. \$229,000!!



OAK TREE ESTATES, GREENWOOD: Brand new 3 BR log-sided chalet with exposed beams, Anderson windows, gas fireplace, walkout basement and a big deck that overlooks a beautiful mountain range. Extra attention to detail and many material upgrades makes this a fantastic quality home. Set on a hill with South Pond, Twitcheil Pond and Lake Christopher all in close proximity, the location is ideal for all four seasons. \$214,900



GREENWOOD ST, WEST PARIS: True New England 3BR rambling farmhouse w/at'd 2-story barn & insulated heated 2-car garage. Quaint country kitchen, gleaming wood floors, separate dining room, new roofing & many, many other updates make this a true value. Relax on the back screened porch with views and sounds of the bordering river! \$159,900



Sandy River, Starks: Picture your own private beach, 1600 ft. on the Sandy River and a beautifully remodeled 3BR, 3 Bath farmhouse. New dormers, new clapboards & paint, new roof shingles, all new wiring, new plumbing, new furnace, new 72 ft. farmer's porch and much, much more! All this on 49 acres with large well-maintained barn, silo, detached garage and pond. \$285,000. AS IS



ON 2 ACRES EN ROUTE TO SKI AREAS: 3BR cape w/2-car garage, stone fireplace, filled wood floors & situated on a quiet road. Only 1.5 minutes to Mt. Abram Skiway or 25 minutes to Sunday River! Lots of room on 2 level acres and conveniently located between Lake Christopher & Sunday River. Come and take a tour of this house! More photos on our website at www.fourseasonsrealtyme.com. \$139,900



Paradise Rd, Bethel: Bethel's premier neighborhood welcomes this new 2 story, 3BR colonial w/farmers porch, shopping and enjoy being only a few short miles from Sunday River downhill skiing. Bethel Inn cross-country skiing, and lake & river adventures. Still time to pick out trim & colors and to add your personal touch to the layout! \$284,000



Main St, So. Woodstock: This well maintained cape is waiting for you to call it your home! With a large beautiful backyard, deck, perennials, screened porch, 4 bedrooms and close proximity to both the Bethel and Paris areas, you'll be charmed by all it has to offer. Ask for a showing today. \$99,900



East Bethel Rd, Greenwood: This cape with double dormers is located right on the Greenwood Bethel town line and has 5BRs and 2 Baths. Plenty of room for a ski crowd or growing family and convenient to Bethel, Mt. Abram and Sunday River. Within walking distance to church, the post office, the town store, and the lake & boat launch. Nice backyard & location make it worth a look. REDUCED TO \$94,900



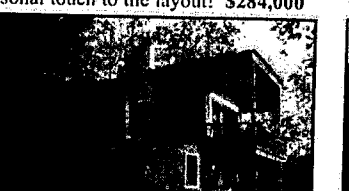
HOWE HILL RD, GREENWOOD: Building lot with over 200' of road frontage on the road to Mt. Abram Ski Area! Not too far from Greenwood's many lakes & ponds, and also only minutes from Sunday River's slopes, this is the perfect spot to build your primary or secondary home. \$29,000



Norway Lake, Norway: 4.5 acres of the best waterfront land in Oxford County! Completely renovated two-story house sits on 1500' of spectacular, wide lake frontage with fantastic views! This 2 BR home with garage has new paint, flooring, plumbing fixtures, upgraded electrical, new asphalt driveway and bench, launch your boat from the dock or just sit on the deck and listen to the beautiful songs of the loon! This is exclusive property, so call today as tomorrow may be too late! \$49,000



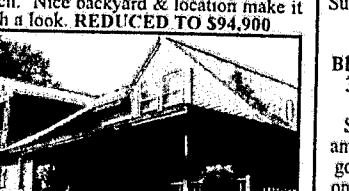
Whisper Hill Rd, Bryant Pond: 33 beautiful acres with mountain and lake views and at the end of the private driveway, a uniquely designed, spacious & creative two-unit house. Two kitchens, 21 BRs, 5DRs, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, slate floors, 3 lofts, much, much more. Take a swim at your own private beach, launch your boat from the dock or just sit on the deck and listen to the beautiful songs of the loon! This is exclusive property, so call today as tomorrow may be too late! \$49,000



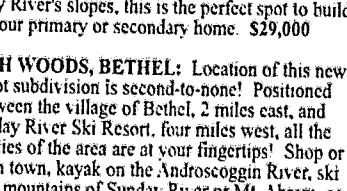
Bird Hill, Bethel: Enjoy views of the mountains as you sit on the balcony of this 3BR contemporary. This would be a perfect ski house as it's close to Mt. Abram and Sunday River Ski Areas, or it would make a wonderful year-round dwelling. Paved driveway and a wooded lot results in very little outdoor maintenance-make an appl. to see this one! \$149,900



End of Howe Hill, Greenwood: You won't find a cozier, true Maine log cabin than this one! Heavy beams, cathedral ceilings, 6x6 log exterior & interior, and pine ceilings. 1BR, 1 1/2 baths, office & space downstairs could easily be made into 2nd BR. Sliders lead to a deck overlooking an acre on the dead-end of the Mt. Abram Ski Lodge road! Fabulous location & house for year-round or vacation home. JUST REDUCED TO \$129,900



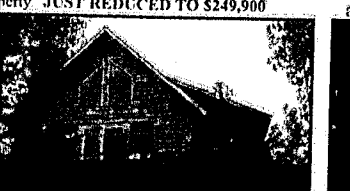
VIEWS OF LAKE CHRISTOPHER: Spectacular lg. contemporary w/2 soaring stone fireplaces, 4 baths, 4BR's plus 2 sleep lofts, formal office, vaulted beamed ceilings, assorted decks & porches and stained glass touches everywhere. Professionally designed & constructed, convenient to town, public lake boat launch & Bethel's ski areas. More photos on our website www.fourseasonsrealtyme.com. \$629,900



INDIAN POND, GREENWOOD: Large parcel of land with over 1150' of water frontage on Indian Pond!! With 86 sub dividable acres overlooking the pond, great fishing, canoeing, & hiking right at your fingertips, this land has huge potential as an investment property! Call for a showing. \$495,000



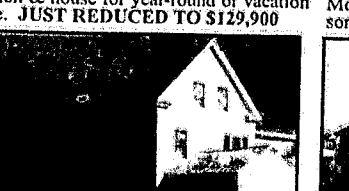
Andrews Hill Rd, Woodstock: This great house has 3BRs, 2 full baths and sits on a private 1.4 acre lot on a dead-end road. Very nice yard with lots of space for gardens & play areas. Interior is sunny with lots of new paint and new carpeting. Priced right at \$120,000



Fleming Rd, Bethel: New Lincoln Log home on one acre in a small private neighborhood, only 4 1/2 mi. from Bethel's center. Positioned off the newly rebuilt road to NH, you have your choice of taking Sunday River or Wildcat in the White Mtns! A beautiful babbling brook on this property is a bonus and you'll love the warm authentic log interior, cathedral ceilings and extensive use of glass. With a farmer's porch and deck overlooking the brook, this new home has everything to make it your next home. Only \$189,900



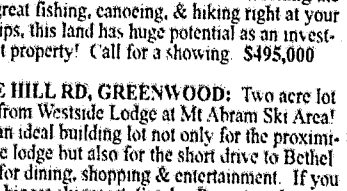
Washburn Pond Rd, Woodstock: Nice little hunting camp in the perfect location with thousands of acres of forest behind! Very close to both Shaga Pond and Washburn Pond, you can snowmobile in either direction as it sits right on a maintained riding trail! Lots of potential with this newer building that just needs the right person to finish putting it all together. Wall mounted heater will keep you toasty warm after a long day of hunting or snowmobiling. Don't let this one pass you by! \$48,900



Howe Hill Rd, Greenwood: Wonderful farmhouse with at'd barn and frontage on Alder Brook. Lots of room for a large group or family, 6 BRs, spacious living and dining rooms, new carpet, & in-law apt downstairs. The location can't be beat! On the road to Mt. Abram Skiway & also within walking distance to the public boat ramp on Round Pond! Lots of house for the low price of \$149,000



BIRCH RD, GREENWOOD: One bedroom condo located Mt. Abram Skiway village. With views of the mountain and a cozy woodstove to warm you up after a day of skiing, you can't go wrong with this investment. Why rent for the ski season when you can own? This is a full-ownership offer-share! Call today as this opportunity won't last long! \$72,900



LOTS #1 & #5 COUNTRYSIDE ACRES, BETHEL: Two corner lots with paved road frontage in a new, small, very nice subdivision with many terrific features that will appeal to either the primary or seasonal home builder. Nice sandy soil & centrally located w/quick access to Bethel, ski areas, lakes and ponds. Ask for a showing today and you'll see the possibilities. \$39,900 each

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Very desirable condominium located at Powder Ridge with wonderful views of Sunday River. Spacious three level unit with fireplace. Partially furnished. A must see! \$259,000



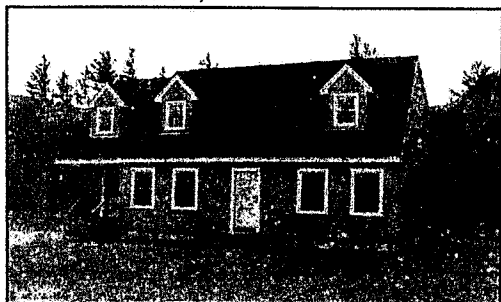
GREAT TWO FAMILY INTOWN BETHEL

Great two family located on a nice residential street in the village of Bethel. Two apartments each with two bedrooms and an enclosed porch. Attached 2 story barn with unlimited possibilities.. \$185,000



HISTORIC HANOVER HOME

Fully remodeled with exquisite taste and attention to historic detail, featuring hardwood floors, original fireplace mantel, and an eat-in kitchen with cherry cabinets. The expansive, bright rooms overlook an acre of stone walls, an immaculate lawn and established gardens. 10 minutes from Sunday River and a short walk to Howard Pond and the Androscoggin River. \$249,000



SUNDAY RIVER HOME

This new home in Red House Farm Village, a unique condominium community, has un-obstructed views of White Heat. The great room with a fireplace and oversized kitchen make this the perfect gathering spot for family and friends. Amenities include cross country and snowshoe trails, a small pond and trolley service to the mountain. \$329,900



NEW HOME NEAR MOUNT ABRAM

Privacy and views, located 1/2 mile from Mt. Abram's West side. This new house is being built with convenience, taste and efficiency in mind. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$245,000



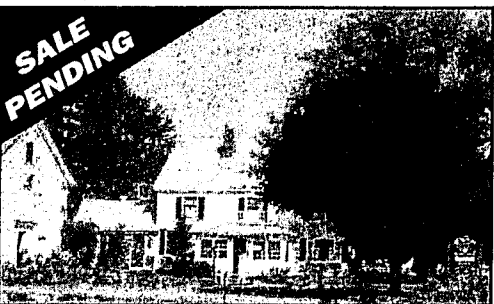
MT. ABRAM SKI HOUSE

Great ski house situated on a double .8 acre lot on a quietly traveled road. Large wrap-around deck plus additional deck off master bedroom, 3 bedrooms, open floor plan. Sold fully-furnished, turnkey. \$132,900



CHARMING PROPERTY - MAIN STREET

One of the best center of Bethel locations. Small 7 bedroom/private bath Inn with retail space, 2 apartments or convert to offices or retail or single family home, ample parking and possibilities. Offered fully equipped. \$469,000



BRIAR LEA - INN & RESTAURANT

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MAGNIFICENT POWDER RIDGE LOT

Located in the desirable Powder Ridge subdivision this 1.18+ acre lot has incredible dead-on views of Sunday River Ski Resort and INCLUDES a complete set of lot #3 specific duplex plans. The lot, the view, the plans...it doesn't get any better or easier than this. \$125,000



NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION

New home under construction in a nice quiet subdivision approximately 5 miles from Bethel. Three bedrooms, two full baths, gas fireplace, unfinished walkout daylight basement. An easy to maintain primary or second home! \$219,000



PARADISE HOME, UNPARALLELED VIEWS

Delightful contemporary home located on the desirable Paradise Road in the Bethel village. Featuring an open floor plan with many fine details including: brick fireplace in the living room with cathedral ceilings, formal dining room, large deck with unparalleled mountain views, beautifully landscaped yard. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths with unfinished daylight walk-out basement. \$479,000



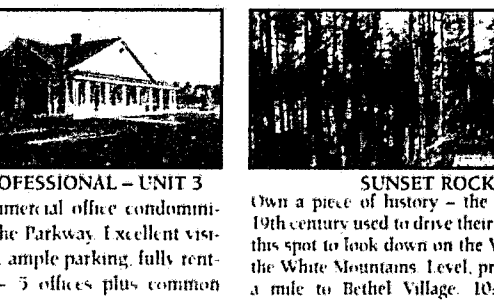
NICE QUIET LOCATION

3 bedroom, 2 bath home with many recent improvements including tile, paint to be carpeted. Situated on a quiet country road with mountain views in West Paris. Priced to sell at \$129,000



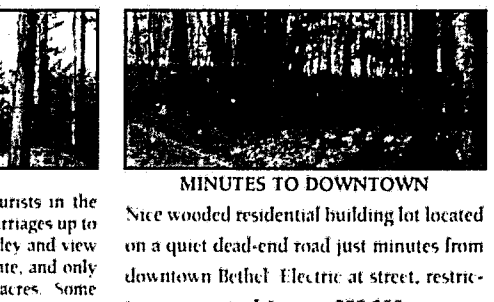
DELIGHTFUL CAPE

Delightful Cape enroute to Sunday River Ski Resort. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths with nice features including hardwood floors, renovated kitchen. Great location for residential or commercial opportunities! \$239,000



PARKWAY PROFESSIONAL - UNIT 3

Newly built commercial office condominium located on The Parkway. Excellent visibility. Central air, ample parking, fully rented. Two levels - 5 offices plus common areas. \$165,000



SUNSET ROCK!

Own a piece of history - the tourists in the 19th century used to drive their carriages up to this spot to look down on the Valley and view the White Mountains. Level, private, and only a mile to Bethel Village. 10+ acres. Some restrictions. \$200,000

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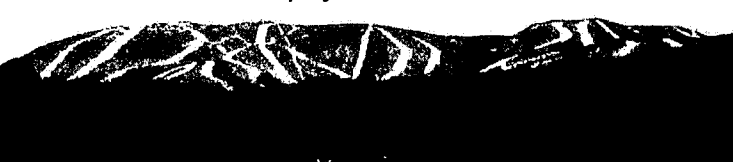
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MEXICO - Swift River waterfront 900+ ft. on one of Maine's finest rivers. New home completely furnished. Call for more details. Addnl. bldg. lot. \$145,900 #9068



DIXFIELD: "Rustic" Camp Unfinished On 12+/- Ac. Hardwood by two Brooks. Very private - Row Road nice open field. Camp has dug well Hunting & fishing area \$59,900 #9071



NEW LISTING - Rumford: Prime business location on the busiest convenient store in Rumford. Also has (2) gas pumps with a canopy top island. Open 365 days a year. \$779,000 #9117

CONDOMINIUMS

POWDER RIDGE CONDO: Desirable 3bdm/2 1/2bth condo with views of Sunday River Ski Resort. \$259,000

BETHEL INN FAIRWAY TOWNHOUSE: 2bdm/2bth townhouse located on the championship golf course. \$205,000

EDEN RIDGE TOWNHOUSE: 2bdm/2bth attractive townhouse, located minutes from village amenities. SOLD

CHAMBERLAIN CONDOMINIUM: 2bdm/1bth, 16-ground pool, mountain views, fully-furnished. \$84,900

PLEASANT RIVER: 2bdm/1 1/2bth condo located just 15 minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort. UNDER CONTRACT

PLEASANT RIVER END UNIT: 2bdm/1bth and unit condo new wood floors, many upgrades. SOLD

CASCADES STUDIO: Studio sleeps 4 with trail access to both Barker Mountain and South Ridge. SOLD



COZY BETHEL FARMHOUSE

Classic farmhouse with barn, brook, fenced pastures and landscaped garden. Beautiful views of surrounding mountains. Newly renovated kitchen, hardwood floors, and fireplace make this cozy farmhouse a must see. \$190,000



ANTIQUE FARMHOUSE

Antique farmhouse located approximately 8 miles from Bethel. 8+ acres of land. Large barn, woodwork. Beautiful hardwood floors and millwork. 3-4 bedrooms, spacious country kitchen. \$179,000



ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER FRONTAGE

Spacious 4 bedroom village home located in Hanover with frontage on the Androscoggin River. Great views, easily accessible. \$97,000



WELL MAINTAINED SPACIOUS HOME

Located in the village of Bethel this home has nice woodwork, hardwood floors, large kitchen with family room, dining room, sunnys living room. Four bedrooms, two baths. In-law apartment. Two car garage. \$239,000



40 ACRES IN ALBANY

40 wooded acres in Albany. Southwest exposure with potential for Presidential mountain views. From Bethel, take Vernon Street (Rt 33) to Hens Corner Road, at sharp corner turn right onto Picnic Hill Road. Continue around 180 degree bend, property is on the left. \$84,000



UPDATED FARMHOUSE

Nicely appointed farmhouse with new farmers porch, pool, 2 fenced in yards, pasture, barn, garage, large family room with fireplace, new kitchen, patio area, nicely landscaped. \$345,000

LAND

SUNDAY RIVER ROAD: 84 acres | Bethel. PENDING

OUTSTANDING VIEW LOT 3 1/2 acres | Newry. \$505,500

SPECTACULAR WESTERN MTN VIEWS: 10 acres | Bethel. \$500,000

WATERFRONT NORTH POND: 4.8 acres | Woodstock. \$150,000

MAGNIFICENT POWDER RIDGE LOT: 1.18 acres | Newry. \$125,000

ADJUTANT VIEWS: 20 acres | Bethel. \$119,000

BEAUTIFUL MTN VIEWS: 2 acres | Bethel. PENDING

LARGE SCENIC LOT: 40 acres | Albany. \$84,000

IN-TOWN BUILDING LOT: 75 acres | Bethel. \$77,000

MAIN STREET: 25 acres | Bethel. SOLD

EAST BETHEL RD VIEWS: 7 acres | Bethel. \$48,000

WILSONS RIPS: 4 acres | Bethel. \$40,000

BAILEY ROAD: 1.6 acres | Bethel. \$50,000

BAILEY ROAD: 1.62 acres | Bethel. PENDING

PRIVATE BUILDING LOT: 6.2 acres | Albany. \$39,500

MYSTIC MOOSE: 3 lots available | Greenwood. \$32,500

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New Listing - The Sunday River House at Nordic Knoll: A Spectacular Log Sided Contemporary of Massive Proportions Constitutes The Ideal Sunday River Ski Home! Sporting an expanse of scenic mountain vistas inclusive of 7 Sunday River Ski Way Mountain Peaks and Glistening Trails. This beautiful view can be enjoyed from a whirlpool tub recessed within a huge wrap-around deck basking in southern exposure. Enormous trapezoid windows combine nicely with two glass sliders allowing the exposed wooden beams and hard pine flooring add to the allure. In all, 6 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, lovely Dining Room with adjacent Kitchen, spacious, unfinished lower level recreation room, conveyed substantially furnished. Close proximity to Appalachian Trail, Great Waterways and, of course, Sunday River Ski Resort! \$499,000



New Listing - Intervale Road, Bethel: A Jewel of a Home, compact yet spacious, on an easily accessible yet private setting is offered at an oh-so-affordable price...Picture a striking GR w/ an expanse of glass from flr to ceiling, allowing natural sunlight to flood its open living area w/ high ceilings & upper level balcony. Add to this a Vermont Casting gas stove on a cobblestone hearth and you've the ideal retreat to call home. 2 first flr BRs, Full Bath w/ Laundry PLUS 2nd flr master suite w/ additional Full Bath & exterior balcony. A large daylight Basement offers expansion possibilities, OFHA heating system, sleek decks & partial furnishing list. Situated on a 1.9+/- acre parcel replete w/ babbling brook & mountain views. Additional acreage is available. A Special Property at \$229,000

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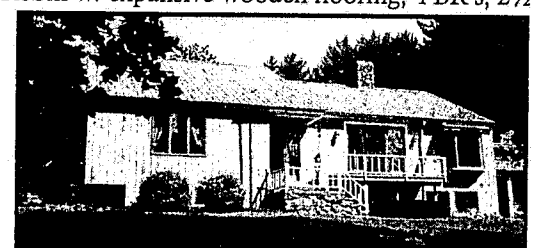


New Listing - Lush valleys, soft knolls, private pond/babbling brook, beautiful mtn. vistas comprise the landscape of this fairy tale setting. 48+/- potentially subdividable acres where impressive hard & soft wood flourish, a 4,000+/-sf architectural gem has been constructed, lovingly maintained & renovated. This sunny structure boasts exceptional 2"x8" envelope construction w/ spacious, open cathedral floor plan. 2 1/2 floors of massive windows allow light & surrounding scenery to dazzle. A new customized Kitchen w/ mandarin cherry cabinets & rich dark granite. Adjoining Great Room w/ expansive wooden flooring, 4 BR's, 2 1/2 Baths, partially finished lower level. \$699,000

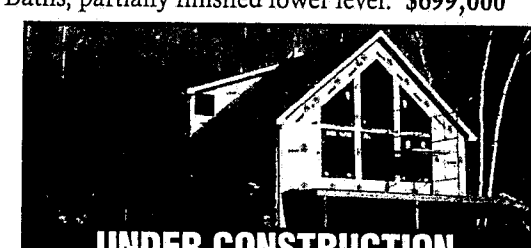
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New Listing - Bethel: A Wonderful 2003 Log-Sided Home has been constructed in a private and rural setting affording beautiful Sunday River mountain and trail views. This newly built home offers all new systems within. This requested house plan - featuring a Great Room combining a Living, Dining and Kitchen area, 1 1/2 Baths, OFHW heating system, drilled well, new septic, attached 2 Car Garage, Full Daylight Basement and scenic Deck. A Very Special Offering at \$199,900!



New Listing - Bethel: Sumptuously Spacious, This Master Carpenter Constructed, Customized Contemporary has been renovated & redecorated through. Enlighten your horizon w/ a sun-filled interior featuring a beautiful GR w/ magnificent stone hearth, new state of the art Kit w/ oak cabinetry, great appliances & skylight, an incredible Master Suite w/ palatial bathroom, skylight, tub & shower, 3 add'l BR's/Den, add'l Bath, Family Rm, 2-car Garage, large Workshop, Greenhouse...Sit upon a majestic, well landscaped setting with established perennials & a wonderful in-ground pool, this quality home is offered at \$379,000!



Introducing a fabulous new subdivision, conveniently located off the Sunday River Road, and just minutes from Sunday River Ski Resort. Four scenic parcels available boasting spectacular views of Aurora, Oz, Jordan Bowl, and the beautiful mountains of Western Maine. Lot #1 and house \$389,900; Lot #2 1.35 acres \$129,000; Lot #3 2.79 acres \$159,000; Lot #4 4.55 acres \$159,000



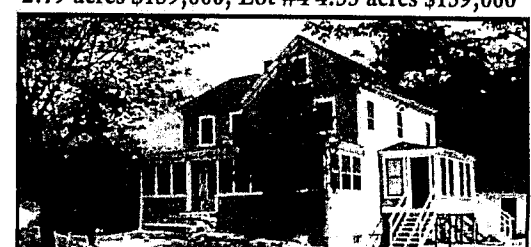
App'd by an expanse of manicured lawn accented w/ winding rock walls, find this magnificent home sit'd on a splendid 1 1/2 - acre parcel edged w/ hardwood & Webb River water frontage. Offering over 6,000 sq. ft. of living area, the floor consists of rm after rm of beautiful finish work, tasteful tile & moldings, high ceilings, elegant flooring & state-of-the-art lighting. A formal entry sets a palatial tone w/ gleaming hardwood flooring offset by a classic paint scheme & eye-catching balustrade. Dazzling Kit w/ rich mahogany cabinetry, Great Rm, DR, FR, Master Suite, huge walk-in closet, att. in-law apt., heated garage, det. pool house w/ incredible in-ground pool, 7 Baths, multiple Kitchens. A Dream House Worth So Much More! \$749,000



Branch Road, Newry: What An Idyllic Location To Situate This Charming Getaway...Nestled in a sought-after country locale, you could now move from your back yard to all corners of New England from this 1998 quality constructed home. An absolutely striking interior will please even the most discriminating. A beautiful Living Room houses a Rumford Fireplace and sports a high ceiling merging nicely with a Dining/Kitchen area. The upper level Master Bedroom adjoins an open loft bedroom/library. 2 Full Baths, Daylight Basement, Farm Porch...A Must See At \$249,000!



Slopeside Home - Sunday River Village, Newry: This 4-Story P&B Home is sit'd in the most coveted of Villages at SR Ski Resort. Close to ski trails & amen in a well est'd subdiv on a 1+/- acre. You'll marvel at its open flr pl showcasing impressive p&b work, inventive window treatments, parquet flg & professional craftsmanship. Showcasing a GR w/ adj DR, 2nd stry balcony, 5 BRs, lg upper lvl Loft Area, 3 Baths, Game Rm, Hot Tub, Sauna, Deck, Porch, Nooks & Crannies. The Ultimate in Accommodations Awaits! \$599,000



Paradise Hill: Tastefully Restored Vintage Farmhouse Is Sit In A Sought-After Locale. Your family will enjoy country living w/ convenient Bethel Village amenities right around the corner. A fetching interior where extensive renovations & additions have been newly completed - A spacious Kit w/ pantry adjoins a DR w/ woodstove & welcoming LR. A lg enclosed front porch serves as a 2nd seasonal LR area. A new spacious FR & new Bath complete the first flr. 4 upper lvl BRs & add'l Bath are newly painted, tiled or carpeted. A brand new foundation & new Daylight Basement offer even more space. New OFHW heating system, town system, water & sewer. Make This Home The One To Purchase at \$239,900!



Sunday River Road/ Sunday River Skiway: Gracefully Situated on a Quiet Cul De Sac Within Walking Distance to South Ridge Base Lodge, come across this beautiful Contemporary Home. Located on a lovely 1+/- acre house site in the most elite of ski villages at Sunday River, a striking ext houses a sumptuous & sophisticated int, lovely LR w/ flr, cedar lined hot tub rm, impressive Kit w/ adj Dining Rm, charming Master Suite w/ numerous amenities and Loft area, 4 add'l BRs, Kitchenette, FR, Den, 3 Baths, 2 Car Garage. Come Live in Style! \$699,000



Bailey Road, Bethel: Only one mile from Bethel Village in a most sought-after neighborhood, find this impressive Contemporary of exquisite proportions & impeccable quality. Ideally situated for luxurious primary or vacation home living. Offering over 1000+ sq. ft. of tasteful, newly appointed living area, you'll marvel at the well constructed, thoughtful & open floorplan of this dwelling. A dramatic cathedralized Kitchen w/ appliances, adjacent eating area & outdoor screened porch, welcoming Living Room w/ woodstove. Recent professional painting showcases intricate techniques applied in warm color schemes, accented by the exterior stone masonry. 2 BRs PLUS Master Suite w/ walk-in closet & Full Bath. Laundry & 2-Car Garage. A beautiful lower level houses additional 3 BRs, 1 1/2 Baths, Family Room & Kitchenette. Outstanding design merges style, efficiency & beauty, making this offering A Must See at \$284,000!



New Listing - Bird Hill, Woodstock: Off a Quiet Country Road, Come Across This 5+ Acre, Slightly Sloping and Wooded Homestead, Sporting Views of North Pond. Upon this parcel a brand new modular home will soon be constructed. A classic Cape design with stately dormers to easily accommodate even the most discriminating family. On the first level, a Master Bedroom and Full Bath. Kit, Liv Rm, Second Bedroom and add'l Full Bath. An unfinished upper level allows a myriad of expansion possibilities. To be installed within a Full Basement with brickhead will be a brand new OFHW heating system. The exterior will be comprised of easy to maintain vinyl siding and a shingled roof complete this quality package. Come Join Us In Vacationing! \$189,900



Bear River Road: This turn of the last century's Victorian is drenched in yesterday's charm. Strategically situated in an elegant setting where mountainous vistas appear in almost every direction. Replete with its own babbling brook, the simple 26 acre parcel upon which this house sits is simply put divine! A Kitchen the way it should be - spacious, warm and inviting - the ideal gathering place of the house. A run-on floor plan consisting of a palatial handsome Bedroom, large Family room with fireplace and massive wrap-around deck, special bedrooms, 2 stairwells, one boasting an ornate balustrade - in all 12 rooms, large enough to accommodate most any size family yet cozy enough for two. Detached garage with outbuilding also included. This Special Home is a Gem of an Offering at \$449,900!



Bethel: Beautifully Renovated & expanded 4 Bedroom Home exhibits open, spacious, cathedral ceiling floor plan with attractive kitchen. Enhanced with skylights, white cabinets, indirect lighting, great gathering area. Dining Room and Living Room with maple flooring. Newly painted, newly restored, new septic, new well, basement. Most Attractive & Affordably Priced At \$109,900!

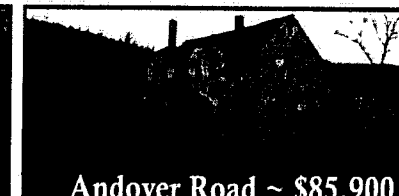
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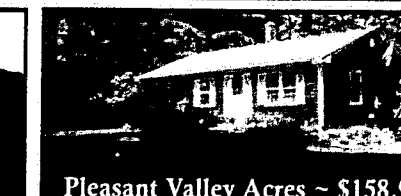
Bryant Pond - REDUCED! \$59,900



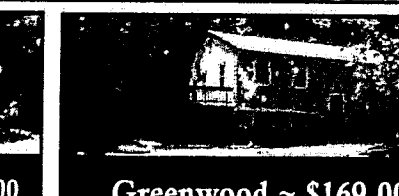
Rumford Point ~ \$99,900



Andover Road ~ \$85,900



Pleasant Valley Acres ~ \$158,900



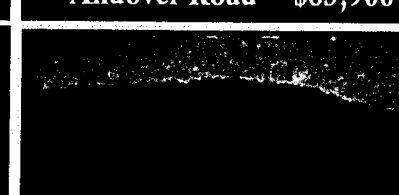
Greenwood ~ \$169,000



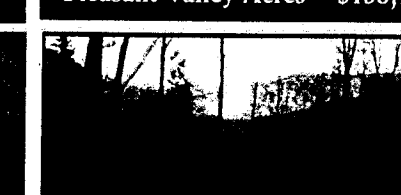
Will View Lot #4 ~ \$64,900



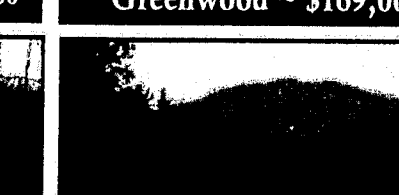
NEW LISTING ANDOVER ROAD 3.6+/- acres ~ \$49,000



Powder Ridge #45 ~ \$65,000



Goss Pond 40+/- Acres ~ \$69,900



Paradise Ridge Subdivision ~ \$105,000

THE STAFF OF KENNETT REALTY HAS SOLD MORE SUNDAY RIVER & AREA CONDOS THAN THAT OF ANY OTHER!

Beautiful 3 BR, Sleep 8 Capacity unit loc at the Jordan Grand Hotel, now available for Qtr Share Ownership! Great Ski-in/Ski-out loc w/ spec views. Hotel amen incl outdoor heated pool, jacuzzis, Saunas, Health Club, Valet Parking, & more! Ownership Privileges incl space avail trading at any of American Skiing Company's Grand Resort Hotels. RCI membership avail.

Bethel Inn Fairway Townhouse: A Rare Find - This 2 BR, 2 Bath townhome is situated along the 11th Fairway! Beautiful Mtn. vista views w/ sunny Westerly exposure. Fully furnished, sleep 8+ capacity, good rental history. \$199,000

Mill Hill Townhouse Across from the Bethel Inn: Newly constructed getaway in desirable locale situated just a "five iron shot" away from the beautifully scenic Bethel Inn Golf Course & Country Club in Bethel Village. 3 BR, 2 1/2 Baths, \$239,000

Eden Ridge 5-E: Sought after tri-level townhouse offers glorious mountain vista views and a convenient Bethel Village location. 2 Bedrooms, 1 1/2 Baths, fireplace, decks, furnishings, washer, dryer, garage. A Rare Find at \$149,000!

SUNDAY RIVER SKI-IN/SKI-OUT CONDOS:

BROOKSIDE BUILDING I			
I-A-106	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
I-B-407	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
I-A-408	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
BROOKSIDE BUILDING II			
II-B-210	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
II-B-109	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
II-A-213	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD	
CASCADES			
A-6	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
A-4	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
B-18	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD	
A-18	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
LOCKE MOUNTAIN			
D-3	4 Bdrm/3 1/2 Bath	SOLD	
SUNRISE			
A-106	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$102,000	
A-111	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	

FALL LINE			
S-106	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	U/C	
E-107	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	U/C	
S-208	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	U/C	
N-201	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
N-109	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
MERRILL BROOK			
I-A	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
III-H	2 Bdrm/1 1/2 Bath	SOLD	
SOUTHRIDGE			
B-6	3 Bdrm/1 1/2 Bath	\$355,000	
A-6	3 Bdrm/1 1/2 Bath	\$394,000	
F-1	3 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
C-2	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
NORTHEAK			
II-308	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$199,900	
II-111	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
I-309	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD	
WHITE CAP			
B-208	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$96,000	
A-305	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$99,900	
A-401	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	U/C	

JORDAN GRAND QUARTERSHARE			
139-C	Studio/1 Bath	\$26,000	
261-B	Studio/1 Bath	\$28,500	
161-A	Studio/1 Bath	\$28,900	
161-B	Studio/1 Bath	\$28,900	
233-D	Studio/1 Bath	\$29,900	
163-B	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$45,000	
144-C	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$46,000	
254-B	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$46,900	
247/249-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$48,900	
124/126-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$49,000	
243/245-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$49,900	
209/211-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$49,900	
125/127-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$49,900	
148-D	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$50,000	
362-D	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$52,000	
156-C	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$46,000	
253-B	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$55,000	
208/210-D	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$61,900	
325-A	1 BR+Loft/1 Bath	\$69,000	

JORDAN GRAND continued			
240/242/244-A	3 Bdrm/3 Bath	\$99,000	
123-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$105,000	
123-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
GRAND SUMMIT QUARTERSHARE			
115-D	Studio/1 Bath	\$13,900	
309-D	Studio/1 Bath	\$15,000	
121-C	Studio/1 Bath	\$16,000	
321-C	Studio/1 Bath	\$17,000	
188/190-C	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$33,500	
374-D	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$34,500	
227/229-D	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$38,000	
284/286-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$38,000	
260/262-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$39,000	
120/122-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$41,000	
173/175-A	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$42,000	
289/291-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$43,000	
289/291-D	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$43,000	
284/286-C	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$42,500	
173/175-B	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$46,900	

GRAND SUMMIT continued			
317B	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD	
204-B	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD	
314-D	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD	
AREA TOWNHOMES:			
BETHEL INN TOWNHOMES			
#536/537	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$199,000	
#568/569	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	\$205,000	
EDEN RIDGE CONDOMINIUMS			
#5-E	2 Bdrm/1 1/2 Bath	\$149,000	
45 MILL HILL TOWNHOMES			
#3	3 Bdrm/2 1/2 Bath	\$239,000	
RIVERBEND			
#4	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	\$110,000	
#14	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
#15	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
#7	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
#5	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	
#33	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD	

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Obituaries

MARY A. VAUGHN

Mary Abigail Vaughn, 85, of Auburn Road, Peru, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, with her family at her side.

She was born in Rumford Center Jan. 2, 1919, a daughter of George G. and Fannie W. Colcord Dolloff.

She attended grammar school in Rumford Center, and was a graduate of Stephens High School in 1937.

She married Alvin D. Vaughn on Sept. 22, 1939, in Canton.

She was the Star Route Mail Carrier from Rumford to Andover for many years.

She was a member of the Rumford Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She is survived by two sons, Ronello A. Vaughn and his wife Sandra of Newport News, Va., and Gary W. Vaughn and his wife Jean of Waterville; a daughter, Nancy L. Vaughn of Peru; a sister-in-law, Mariette Dolloff of South Rumford; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Allan Vaughn, in 1955; four sisters, Suzanna Farrar, Marguerite Perry, Katherine Robinson, and Elsie Oldham; and six brothers, Edmond, Eldon, Oscar, Josiah, Chester, and Ronello.

A memorial service was held at S.G. Thibault Funeral Home, Rumford on Monday, In Memory of John E. Cox, Jr. May 15, 1944 - May 3, 2003

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU

by Marilyn Ferguson

The lights are blinking merrily
The tinsel is on the tree
It sits there in the window
For all the world to see.

The house is filled with holly
And pinecone scents the air
The Christmas cards keep coming
Each one is hung with care.

The gifts are tied with ribbons red
And topped with pretty bows
I'm done with all the details
As far as Christmas goes.

The fire is softly glowing
I think about your touch
But Christmas isn't Christmas
I miss you oh, so much.

If I could have just anything
My Christmas wish would be
To wake up in the morning
And find you here with me.

I reminisce our Christmas's past
The joy and love we shared
Moonlit walks and midnight talks
And ways you showed you cared.

Staring at your picture
I long to be set free
Tonight the tears are streaming
As I hold it next to me.

Flakes of snow swirl through the air
I'm braced for stormy weather
I wait for brighter days ahead
When we can be together.

So hold a place in heaven dear
Someday when life is through
I'll be the Christmas angel
Who shares this day with you.

Lovingly, Carol

Dec. 13. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of New York Inc., 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2483. Relatives and friends may pay tribute at www.mem.com



JESSIE M. FAIRBANKS

Jessie McKellick Fairbanks, 84, of Norway, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004 surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

She was born in Andover July 22, 1920, the daughter of the late Alton and Edith Morton Brooks. She was one of three daughters.

She was married in 1940 to Ernest McKellick. They lived in Rumford and Mt. Dora, Fla., until his death in 1976. She moved to Bethel in 1979 to be near family.

In 1983 she married Mervin "Buster" Fairbanks of Dixfield.

Her life revolved around

In Loving Memory

Brother and Uncle

Curt Alan Martin

12/20/1942 - 4/16/1998

Thank you for the Memories.

Your light's still shining
in my heart.

Sandra and Dick Morgan
Alan Curt Dunham

In Loving Memory

of my youngest son

Curt Alan Martin

Although you're in your new home with God above, I think of you each day and send you all my love.

Lovingly Remembered,
Mom Martin

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sent us so many lovely cards and expressed their condolences after the loss of my mother, Florence Watson.

Sincerely,
Hazel & Irving Cole

Card of Thanks

The family of Diddy Johnson expresses sincere thanks for the outpouring of cards, flowers, food, expressions of sympathy and contributions to the church in her memory. She had loved her small town and we will always remember the community's response to our loss, and the wonderful shared stories and memories.

Jeff & Doreen
Betsy & Damian
Jim, Jamie & Dan
Alex

her family. She was known by her family and friends for her sense of humor, generosity and warm smile. Her positive attitude never wavered, even under the worst of times. She was loved by all.

She was a loyal Red Sox fan and never missed watching a game on TV.

She is survived by two children, a daughter, Judy Kersey and her husband Tim of Bethel and The Villages, Fla., and a son, Alton McKellick and his wife Nancy of South Paris; a sister, Alta Sturgis of South Portland; three grandsons; a granddaughter; six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a sister, Margurite Brooks; and a great-grandson, Nicholas Kersey.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Norway. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 308, Norway, ME 04268.

THOMAS H. MCKELVEY

Thomas H. McKelvey, 54, of 366 Madison Avenue, Berlin, N.H., passed away on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 2004 at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin.

He was born in Berlin on Jan. 14, 1950, the son of Harold and Loretta (White) McKelvey and was a lifelong resident of the area. He attended St. Patrick School, was a graduate of Berlin High School and a graduate of the New Hampshire Vocational Technical Institute. He was self-employed as an equipment operator for many years.

Mr. McKelvey was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons of the American Legion Post 36 in Berlin, and a member of St. Kieran Church, now known as Good Shepherd Parish. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Members of his family include his former wife, Carmen (Losier) McKelvey-Mason

of West Milan, N.H.; uncles; aunts, including Margaret Martel of Laconia, N.H.; several cousins; and four nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and a brother, Dennis.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Chapel of the Bryant Funeral Home, Berlin, N.H. Interment was at Wheeler Cemetery, Shelburne, N.H. Anyone who wishes may make a donation in his memory to the Androscoggin Valley Hospital, 59 Page Hill Road, Berlin, N.H. 03570.



DONNA L. GRAY

Donna J. Gray, 56, of North Vassalboro, died unexpectedly Dec. 9, 2004, at Maine General Medical Center, Thayer Unit, Waterville.

She was born on Jan. 4, 1948 in Norway, the daughter of Ervil and Ruth (Bennett) Curtis. She graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1968. She married her husband, Laurence Gray, in July of 1983.

Donna was a very proud grandmother. She loved to spend time with her two grandchildren and always had a picture of them to show whoever she saw. Her family was very important to her.

One of her favorite pastimes was to attend lawn sales and craft fairs. She was always able to find the amazing bargains no one else could.

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Births

Amy Hill of Norway is pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Mekhi Scott-Adam Hill, born on Nov. 12, 2004, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Shari and Stanley Herrick of West Paris. Great-grand parents are Linda Smith of South Paris and Steve Hill of Norway. Great-great-grand mother is Cora Payne of South Paris.

Mekhi joins her sister, Tiesha Hill, age 5-1/2, and brother, Jamal Hill, age 4.

Michelle DeJulio of Bethel and David Huard of Vassalboro announce the birth of a son, Briar Joseph-DeJulio Huard, born at Mercy Hospital, Portland, on Nov. 4, 2004.

Maternal grandparents are Debbie Martin of Bethel and Mike DeJulio of Cape Elizabeth.

Paternal grandparents are Bonnie and Dave Huard of Vassalboro.

Great-grandparents are Nora Gidney of Vassalboro, Joy Nelson of Auburn and Patty and Francis Dooen of Bethel.

Card of Thanks

We wish we could thank each of you personally, for the tremendous outpouring of love, kindness, and sympathy that was extended to our family over the last few months. To everyone that sent flowers, food, sympathy cards, and funds, we thank you. The generosity has been overwhelming.

Thanks to the town office, road crews, fire departments, teachers, students and all others that have helped.

A special thank you to all family and close friends, your on-going support will never be forgotten.

Debra, Kim & Billy Kangas

Card of Thanks

Barry and Anna Crossley wish to thank the people of Bethel for the very kind donation and thoughts. We greatly appreciate everything you have done for us.

Hot News Tip?

Call 824-2444 or e-mail:
news@bethelcitizen.com

PUBLIC HEARING

The Newry Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on December 20, 2004 at 7pm at the Newry Town Office to discuss Oxford County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

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